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An Appeal For Calm By Suharto **Amid Crisis**

Currencies of Indonesia And 3 Other Nations In Asia Hit New Lows

By Thomas Crampton International Herald Tribune

BANGKOK - President Subarto of Indonesia called for calm Tuesday in Asia's financial storm, as currencies plunged to new lows for the third consecutive day and the fallout affected the

region's few havens of stability.

"We are passing through very hard and difficult times," Mr. Suharto said in a speech to Parliament as he presented his government's budget. "Let us all keep a cool and clear head, so as to enable us to overcome it as well."

This was one of the key speeches in the long career of Mr. Suharto, 76, who has been under close scrutiny for signs of failing health after rumors of illness helped send the Indonesian rupiah tumbling. He is widely expected to seek a seventh term in office in March after 30 years in power. He appeared to be in reasonable health while reading his 55-

But analysts were concerned that the budget, which calls for higher spending, would further erode confidence in In-

donesia's economy. (Page 11)

The currencies of the Philippines,
Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia hit all-time lows against the dollar as the Taiwan dollar, which has been relatively stable in the region's currency turmoil, was brought to a 10-year low and Hong Kong was forced to raise interest rates to support its dollar.

"This is the meltdown everybody feared," said a leading Western economic envoy. "Currencies bouncing around by 10 to 15 percent in a day for no reason and complete gridlock in the financial systems."

"After leading the way down for a while, South Korea has given us a few moments of respite with the loan negotiations in New York," said David ale, global economic strategist for Zurich Kemper Investments. "Indonesia has now turned into the country where everything is going wrong and who knows how far the rupiah can go."

Beyond the collapse in sentiment that has led Indonesians in scramble for dollars, Mr. Hale said the country faced political uncertainty over Mr. Subarto's

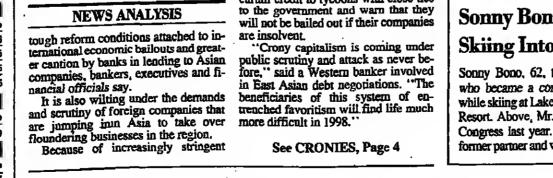
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Armed men in Daira de Ramika, one of four villages in Algeria where a total of 412 people were killed last week.

Cautious Hope Along an EU Divide

British Presidency at Hand, Blair Vows to Be a Positive Player

By Tom Buerkle

LONDON --- As Britain takes over the presidency of the 15-nation European Union this week, the prospects for relations with this country's partners on the Continent are the best in years.

Prime Minister Tony Blair has jettisoned the anti-European rhetoric of his Conservative predecessors and promised in play a positive, leading role on issues ranging from labor market reform and fighting international crime to promoting the Union's enlargement into Eastern Europe.

Just as important in the eyes of fellow EU leaders, his personal popularity and overwhelming parliamen-tary majority have put him in position to deliver on those promises.

But diplomats and analysts say talk of British leadership in Europe remains premature because of the single currency, the one issue that not only will define the six-month presidency but also polarize the British public's attitude toward Europe.

Mr. Blair will preside over an EU summit meeting in May to select the countries that will launch the euro in 1999, but his government's recent decision to rule out British participation in the euro for several years threatens to limit Britain's influence in Europe. Mr. Blair got an early hint of that last month when his attempt to win a seat on the socalled Euro-X Council, which will manage the new currency, was effec-tively rebuffed by his EU partners.

And so the view of Britain's partners on the Continent is one of cautious optimism, welcoming the change in tone and style under Mr. Blair but still wary of Britain's long-standing ambivalence toward European inte-

"When people play by the rules, you have already won by 50 percent," a senior German diplomat said. "Bnt in the medium term, you must also add

On that score, he added, 'Tony Blair will be measured by whether he leads Britain into economic and monetary nnion or not.

Mr. Blair insists he wants Britain to participate in a successful single cur-

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Italy Presses for Council to Oversee Euro

By Alan Friedman International Herald Tribune

ROME - Italy, taking sides with France in its campaign for a political counterweight to the future European Central Bank, is backing the estab-lishment of "an economic govern-ment" for Europe, the Italian Treasury minister said. "We need to move toward an eco-

nomic government, a center of economic policy-making for countries that share the single currency," Carlo

Azeglio Ciampi said in an interview. "The existence of the European Cen-tral Bank implies the need for a policy-making body with political clout," said

Mr. Ciampi, a former prime minister hamper the bank's independence. Who also served for 15 years as governor of the Bank of Italy.
Mr. Ciampi outlined for the first time

Italy's strong support for using the Euro-X Council — a policy forum for single-currency members launched hy European Union leaders last month as the main instrument for setting Europe-wide economic policies.

The Euro-X issue has sparked tensions between France and Germany because of French demands that the Council should act as a political counterweight to the European Central Bank. Mr. Ciampi's remarks put Italy clearly in the French camp, but he stressed that Italy did not intend to

He denied that there were any real differences with Germany, saying he had discussed Rome's position with Theo Waigel, the German finance min-

Mr. Ciampi also called for a general lowering of interest rates across Europe. He said Europe's real interest rates, when adjusted for inflation,

were still too high.
"To bring real rates down, nominal interest rates have to come down across Europe," he said. "When 10year rates in Germany are at 6 percent, in a country with 2 percent inflation,

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Reported in Algeria

Algiers Rebuffs Europeans on Intervention

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

PARIS - Amid reports of new atrocities against Algerian civilians by Islamic fundamentalists, France and its European Union partners struggled Tuesday any anempt to bring international pres-sure to bear to stop the killings.

As the colonial power that ruled the nation for more than a century until the Algerians wrested independence from Paris in 1962 — after a war that cost 10,000 French lives and 100,000 Algerian - France is expected by its European allies in take the lead in diplomatic fforts in try to stop the carnage.

But French officials say they are not sure all the violence is the work of Islamic fundamentalists, and some susect that the Algerian government may have incited atrocities against villages sympathetic to the rebels, or deliberately left them open to attack.

The German foreign minister, Klaus Kinkel, called over the weekend for the dispatch of a European Union mission in Algeria to offer help to the government, France, Denmark and Portugal expressed support, and European officials will discuss the crisis in Brussels next week. But Algeria on Tuesday, as it has in the past, rejected all outside interference in its affairs.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, welcomed the show of concern by European countries and the United States, which expressed support Tuesday for international inquiries into the massacres. But Algiers rejected Mrs. Robinson's soundings about the possibility of a UN mission to Algeria, diplomats said.

France on Monday strongly con-demned the massacres and called on the Algerian regime to do its duty to ensure the security of its civilian population. The Algerian Foreign Ministry and much of the Algerian press responded by accusing the French of unacceptable interference in Algerian internal affairs.

"I don't say that there isn't anything that can be done," Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine of France said at a gathering at the Quai d'Orsay on Tuesday, but he reminded those present that hy the end of the colonial war in Algeria not even 600,000 French and Algerian colonial soldiers had been able to defeat the movement for independence.

Large sections of the French Army in Algeria accused politicians in Paris in those days of tying their hands or stabbing them in the back, much as some American officers later helieved that they were hetrayed in Vietnam, and rebellious generals threatened a coup d'etai in Paris.

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Ramadan Toll Climbs by 300, Press Asserts

By John Lancaster,

CAIRO - The Muslim holy month Ramadan is turning out to be one of the bloodiest chapters ever in Algeria's six-year Islamic insurgency, with reports Tuesday that more than 300 people may have died in another round

The fresh wave of bloodshed brought to more than 1,000 the number of Al-gerian civilians believed to have been killed during the last two weeks. The surge in killing — including several hundred people burned alive, according to reports Tuesday — has prompted growing calls in Western capitals for an international role in ending the crisis.

It was unclear, however, what role, if any, the Western powers could play in Algeria given the government's refusal to permit any outside involvement in what it regards as a domestic matter.

Algerian authorities have repeatedly said they are winning the war on mil-itants of the Armed Islamic Group, which is seeking to overthrow the secular government supported by the military and replace it with an Islamic

According to reports in the Algerian press Tuesday, at least 170 men, women and children died in massacres in towns and villages south and west of Algiers.

A French-language newspaper, La Tribune, also reported that "several hundred" people had been burned alive in the village of Had Chekala in the Relizane region.

"There were no survivors in the hamlet of Had Chekala, on the outskirts of the Ammi Moussa area, which was put to fire and blood on the night of Sunday-

Monday, the newspaper reported.

More than 115 people were slaughtered Saturday night in a massacre at Remka, also in Relizane, according to the report.

As is frequently the case in Algeria, the government issued no statement about the killings, which could not be independently confirmed. But such reports are generally considered reliable by diplomats in Algiers.

During the weekend, Algerian newspapers reported that more than 400 men. women and children were butchered in four villages last week in the Relizane region, about 240 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of the capital.

Interior Minister Mustapha Benmansour called the reports "totally false" on Sunday and put the death toll at 78.

Witnesses in previous attacks have enerally attributed them to militants from the Armed Islamic Group. Human rights groups have accused the govemment of at least a passive role in some killings, noting that several large mas-

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Applying the Brakes To 'Crony Capitalism'

Performance, Not Connections, Is Order of Day

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — The once invincible and pervasive practice of "crony capi-talism," one of the chief causes of Asia's financial crisis, is finally beginning to be reined in across the region. Asia's brand of cronyism - in which

companies thrive because of their connections rather than their financial performance - faces sharp curbs under rules being applied by the International Monetary Fund and foreign banks on their rescue loans to countries such as Sonth Korea, Indonesia and Thailand, it is much more difficult for local companies to get large credits, contracts and other concessions on the sole basis of political or personal connections.

Even in less seriously affected countries like Malaysia, which have not had in seek IMF aid in exchange for reforms, financial authorities are being forced to curtail credit to tycoons with close ties



Sonny Bono Is Killed Skiing Into a Tree

Sonny Bono, 62, the former pop singer who became a congressman, was killed while skiing at Lake Tahoe's Heavenly Ski Resort. Above, Mr. Bono at a hearing in Congress last year. Right, with Cher. his former partner and wife, in 1977. Page 7.



AGENDA

U.S. to Study Plea To Aid North Korea

WASHINGTON (Reuters) -- The United States will examine a United Nations appeal for food aid to North Korea, a State Department spokesman said Tuesday, noting that Washington 'responded promptly and gener-

ously" to previous appeals.
The UN World Food Program asked for \$378 million in food aid to avert famine in North Korea.

Analysts, meanwhile, pointed out that the North has been strangely silent about the ongoing financial crisis in South Korea. Page 4.

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Let It Snow! Nagano Gets Some and Wants More as Games Near

By Mary Jordan Washington Post Service

TOKYO - In Nagano, Japan, they are calling

it the "snow of mercy."

The first significant snow in weeks fell Monday night covering muddy Olympic ski slopes with a blanket of white just one month before the Winter Games begin.

In Hakuba, a mountainous town that will stage the downhill race, a glorious 21 centimeters (about 8 inches) of snow fell, enough to wake up the village's ski chieftain, Tadaaki Matsuzawa, El Nino and others say comes with selecting the most southern site ever for Winter Games has left everyone's attention to the Nagano Olympics,"

"I have waited for the sound of snow on my roof four out of five ski resorts around the Olympic said Makoto Kobayashi, director general of the for one month," said the official in charge of the downhill course. "Finally, finally, we got it!" "If this keeps up, we will somehow manage,"

If it does not, the downhill and other key events may have to be canceled, and Japan - which has spent hillions of dollars and most of this decade reparing for the '98 Winter Games -- could find its dream of a Winter Wonderland praised around

the globe washed away by rain.

area shnt or empty for lack of snow. On the same day that the "mercy snow" fell. the torch relay to the opening ceremony Feb. 7

Baseball stars, singers, and children are among

the 7,000 people carrying three lanterns from different corners of Japan to Nagano. Organizers hope the relay will lift the nation's morale for the sports spectacle that has so far received scant anention compared to the country's prolonged

"I hope the nationwide torch relay will draw

Olympic organizing committee, who has found himself trying to drum up enthusiasm and praying to the gods at Shiato shrines for snow.

The lantern flames will merge to a single light before the opening ceremony, to be broadcast by CBS, the U.S. television network. The network has erected a studio at a magnificent 1,300-yearold Zenkoji Shrine. There, sumo wrestlers will stomp and wiggle in

performing traditional ceremonies to rid the arena of evil spirits. The sumo stars will also lead the

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Halting the Tilt

Putting a Modern Slant on the Tower of Pisa

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

ISA, Italy — As if a girdle of steel cables around its base, 830 tons of lead ingots stacked on the rim of its foundations and a steel fence skirting its perimeter were not enough, the alluringly leaning tower of this maritime Tuscan city appears about to suffer further indig-

If the plans of engineers entrusted with its welfare come to fruition, the 800-year-old marble pillar will be girded sometime this spring with a heavy steel strap about one-third the way up its 187-foot (57meter) height. From the strap, two steel cables will be strung, then anchored to the ground nearly 350 feet away.

The maneuver, which Italian newspapers have loosely compared to outfitting the structure with suspenders, may for a while mar its marble grace. But strapping the pillar is a first step in an elab-orate plan to prevent it from tumbling over al-

The bracing cables will enable experts to work toward a more elegant and enduring solution to the central problem: the centuries-old slow tilting, by about one twenty-fifth of an inch every year, which if untended will cause the tower one day to fall.

"I am oot a technician, but it gives me peace of mind," Ranieri Favilli, the tower's octogenarian keeper, said of the plan. "I have the greatest confidence in the experts."

The experts are on an international panel entrusted by the Italian government with finding a way to protect the tower. Announcing the \$7 million plan recently, Michele Jamiolkowski, the Turin University professor of engineering who heads the pan-el, said it would "give us greater tranquillity in the pursuit of our labors.

What those labors consist of is a process called 'controlled subsidence,' meaning that the ground below the northern flank of the tower will be lowered to provide a more level base. (The tower tilts

Restoring it to the vertical is out of the question, of course. To begin with, the base is treacherously slanted. After the pillar was about one-third finished and its perilous lean became obvious, construction was halted. It later continued closer to the perpendicular, but that could oot offset the base's tilt.

Ultimately, Mr. Jamiolkowski says, the aim is to reduce the tower's lean to about five degrees from about five and a half degrees — and bold it there. That, the professor told Italian oewspapers recently, is enough to guarantee our tranquillity for hun-

But in a country where the best-laid plans often fall victim to procrastination or politics, skeptics abound. Over the years, some Pisans point out, the tower has shown greater stability than, say, Italy's governments, of which there have been more than 50 since the end of World War IL

Others, like Rina Staderini, one of 101 stallholders along the tower's western flank who peddle items like miniature plastic replicas of it, favor a strict hands-off policy.
"If they touch it, it will topple," Mrs. Staderini

said. "If they leave it in peace, it will stay on its

In 1965, after a drop in Pisa's water table caused the tilt to accelerate, a new law transferred re-

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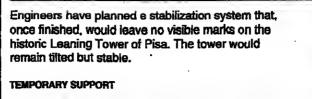
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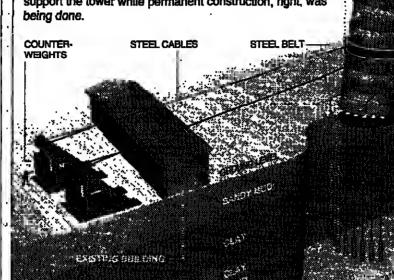
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Counterweighted steel cables and a wide steel belt would support the tower while permanent construction, right, was



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sponsibility for the tower's well-being from Pisa to Rome. But the experts disagreed on a choice of

"It is as with a sick person," said Mr. Favilli, the lower keeper. He is a retired agronomist appointed by Pisa's archbishop as the 97th holder of an office founded in 1089, before the tower was built, essentially to oversee construction of the adjacent cathedral and baptistry.

"At times the choice of therapy is difficult," he said. "The experts are all luminaries, and are oot always of one mind."

ork on the tower began in 1174, under Bonanno Pisano. It was completed when Tommaso Pisano capped it in 1350 with a belfry. In January 1990 the tower was closed to the roughly 800,000 energetic visitors who, despite its incline of roughly 16 feet from the perpendicular, clambered up its 294 steps

yearly to enjoy the splendid panorama from the top.
The plan hit upon by Mr. Jamiolkowski and his panel is to exploit the stability afforded by the strap and cables to perform the riskiest part of the project: pouring a ring of concrete underground around the foundations, then driving 10 steel cables from one side of this ring and anchoring them in firm layers of soil about 165 feet below the base.

This anchoring is necessary if, as the experts hope, the tower is to be reopened to visitors someday. The

two cables and strap can afterwards be removed, though no one is willing to guess how soon that will

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Just how risky the operation is became evident in 1995, when excavations around the base suddenly caused the 14,000-ton tower to lurch nearly onetenth of an inch in one night. To pull it back, 230 tons of lead ingots were added to the 600 tons that engineers had begun gradually amassing on the rim of its base in 1992 as a counterweight.

Still more support was then provided by a girdle of cables wrapped around the lower portion of the tower, these are to be removed when all the work is

Some Pisans do not want to see another corset and cables of steel go up.
"I am convinced that the tower will lose its

fascination," said Francesco Giagnoni, a Pisan who has admired the structure's profile for 35 years while hawking wooden Pinocchios, leather purses and little Leaning Towers.

Yet, the tower as building site appears not to put off the tourists who are the source of livelihood not only for peddlers like Mr. Giagnoni, but also for Pisa's tour operators, hoteliers and horse-drawn-cab drivers. "We'd read about it," said Teresa Marra, an

American lawyer, after photographing three companions in the ohligatory leaning pose in front of the tower. "In fact, I thought it would be more covered."

U.S. and UN Scramble To Plan for Flu Outbreak

By Lawrence K. Altman New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — For decades, U.S. and World Health Organization officials have warned that an influenza pandemic rivaling the one that killed more than 21 million people worldwide in 1918 and 1919 could strike without

Yet neither the U.S. government oor the UN health agency has approved final plans to counter a pandemic, even as they help the government of Hong Kong deal with an outbreak of "bird fin." That strain of influenza virus is the first to jump from birds to humans with-

out going through other animals.

The government created a panel in
1993 to come up with a plan to deal with an influenza pandemic, and the latest draft, written last week, is being sent to Donna Shalala, the secretary of Health and Human Services. Approval is expected quickly now that events in Hong Kong have heightened awareness, gov-ernment officials said. But they acknowledged that the Hong Kong outbreak had pointed up gaps in the draft, making further revisions likely.

In Hong Kong, there are now 16 confirmed cases. All the cases have occurred sporadically, with no known links between the patients, who range in age from 1 to 60. What most mystifies health officials is why the avian flu strain appeared in humans now and how it is being transmitted to humans.

The hope is that the avian strain, a type A influenza virus known as H5N1,

will peter out. But one fear is that the strain will adapt to allow easy human-to-human transmission. Another fear is that H5N1 will mix with one of the several human influenza strains now circulating to create yet another strain, one with the potential for producing an influenza pan-demic, the term used when the disease strikes large oumbers of people in a number of countries in a short time.

Influenza scientists around the world say they are reacting prudently, pre-paring for the worst case possible, in rushing to try to develop a vaccine to protect against the H5N1 strain. They are guided in part by the American draft plans for handling a pandemic and a draft that the UN health agency is developing separately.

U.S. and WHO officials interviewed. expressed confidence in the thoroughness of their draft plans for a pandemic. But the UN agency refused to release a copy of its draft. The American diseasecontrol ageocy initially denied repeated requests for a copy of the nation's draft plan, but Dr. Peter Patriarca, an official of the Food and Drug Administration who is the principal anthor of the American drafts, released it over the week-

Dr. Nancy Cox, the top influenza expert at the disease-control agency in Atlanta, said that in investigating H5N1, she was relying on the American draft plan, which she and a large oumber of other experts had helped prepare. She said the plan was sound.

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Those responsible for developing the American pandemic plan have circulated for comment a draft written in August, aboot the time the H5N1 strain was first detected in a human. Dr. Patriarca said he had incorporated a number of criticisms from those comments in the latest draft.

The National Vaccine Program Office in the Department of Health and

The hope is that the avian strain will peter out.

Human Services oversees all federal immunization programs. The director, Dr. Robert Breiman, said that his office was sending Dr. Patriarca's latest draft to Ms. Shalaia and that quick approval was expected.

But the draft does not explicitly cover several situations that have arisen in the Hong Kong crisis. For instance, elaborate safety precautions are needed be-cause of H5N1's danger to humans and poultry. Thus, scientists working with the strain are allowed to do so only in highly secure laboratories designed to deal with the deadliest viruses. But even though virtually all leading influenza experts in the United States contributed to the blueprint, none discussed the need for high-security laboratories, Dr. Pat-

A lack of such laboratory sites has prevented the food and drug agency's top infloenza virologist, Dr. Roland Levandowski, from working on the strain. 'We have been spinning our wheels for two or three weeks because be did not have the right facilities to work in," Dr.

Although large numbers of birds were destroyed in 1983 when an avian strain known as H5N2 struck in Pennsylvania and a decade later in Mexico, the draft does not explicitly deal with how to slaughter large numbers of animals in the United States. Hong Kong officials who ordered the

slanghter of more than a million chickens and other hirds have come under attack for lapses in the destruction of the fowl. Health officials do not know if the drastic measure of slaughtering the birds will halt the transmission.

"The scenario that is being played oot now in Hoog Kong is something that we had not thought about or talked about," Dr. Patriarca said, adding that the Hong Kong situation "has thrown as for a loop in all kinds of ways" and pointed up gaps that would require fur-ther revisions of the latest draft.

Considering all possible contingencies that might be encountered in dealing with a pandemic is an enormous challenge because influenza is the most. unpredictable of infections.

Yet the lack of a full-scale governmeot plan is surprising because in 1976, the government, fearing a pandemic, recommended that all Americans get immunized against a swine strain of infloenza that had struck a few soldiers at Fort Dix, New Jersey. The feared epidemic oever occurred, and health officials still smart over the episode.

The latest draft says that health officials learned "a cardinal lesson from this experience: A new viral subtype introduced into a susceptible population need not necessarily be followed by pandemic spread."

Radar Trouble Delays U.S. Moon Mission Great White Shark Killed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida -The launching of a low-cost lunar explorer was delayed because of trouble with a U.S. Air Force radar dish needed to track the rocket, NASA officials said.

Originally planned for Monday, the lift-off of Lunar Prospector, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's first mission to the moon in 25 years, was rescheduled for Tuesday evening, said Bruce Buckingham, an agency spokesman. The range radar was down," be

said. "There was oo time to fix the

The radar disb is needed to track the trajectory of the probe's Athena 2 rocket

for safety reasons.

NASA has only two opportunities each mooth to launch the Prospector probe. If the rocket does not get off the ground Tuesday, it will have to wait uotil Feb. 5 to take advantage of the most fuel-efficient route to the moon.

The space agency also said that the probe was carrying an ounce of the ashes of a planetary scientist, Eugene Shoemaker, who died in a car accident last year. He had trained the astronauts who were involved in the Apollo moon

By Bathers Near Cape Town

Reuters CAPE TOWN — Bathers attacked and killed a great white shark floundering off a Cape Town beach over the New Year's holiday, conservation officials said Tuesday.

A state sea fisheries department spokesman said researchers believed that the shark, measuring 4.4 meters (14 feet), was struggling in the shallows because it had been weakened by dispersional structures of the state of the st ease or injury. The great white, responsible for most shark attacks on bumans, is protected in South African waters cause its oumbers are dwindling.

All Safe as Iranian Plane Lands in Desert

TEHRAN --- Rescue teams found an

Iranian airliner Tuesday that made an emergency landing in the desert oear the city of Isfahan, and all 113 people on board were safe, Tehran radio said. It said that rescue teams reached the

Fokker-100 plane of the national carrier Iran Air in the morning after an all-night search and found the 104 passengers and 9 crew members unhurt.

'Fortunately, because of the rains in the past few days and the type of earth in the area, the ground was soft and the plane was able to perform a good emer-gency landing," Ali Shahcheraghi,

head of Iran's civil aviation authority, told the radio.

The plane was flying to Tehran on Monday evening from the northwestern city of Orumiyeh but was diverted to Isfahan in central Iran because of bad weather, Mr. Shahcheraghi said.

The craft was unable to land in Isfahan "due to technical reasons which are being investigated" and was forced to perform an emergency landing outside the city, he cootinued. He did not discuss the extent of damage to the

Heavy fog hampered the wide search

WEATHER

TRAVEL UPDATE

U.S. Cutting Back on Alcohol Tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — So few aviation workers are-testing positive for alcohol use the government has decided to cut back on the tests. This year, 10 percent of aviation industry workers in safety- and security-related jobs will undergo random alcohol testing, the Federal Aviation Administration said, down from a 25 percent requirement in the past.

The alcohol violation rate was approximately 0.06 percent for 1995 and approximately 0.08 percent for 1996. Under the



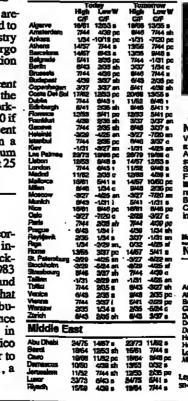
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law, the percentage of work-ers checked can be cut to 10 if less than one-half of 1 percent test positive two years in a row. The random minimum drug testing rate remains at 25

Correction

An article Dec. 31 incorrectly reported that avian influenza virus found in chickens in Pennsylvania in 1983 and in Mexico in 1994 and 1995 was the same as that found in chickens and bumans in Hong Kong since May. The type A virus in Pennsylvania and Mexico was H5N2, a strain similar to that in Hong Kong, H5N1, a



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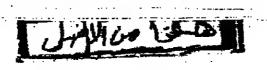
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THE AMERICAS

Doctors Hope a Gene Will Let Heart Grow Own Bypasses

By John J. Goldman Los Angeles Times

New York Hospital-Cornell Medheart of a 60-year-old man.

grow its own bypasses, opening a was so blocked that it could not be new era of treatment. The gene was operated on.

carried by a modified virus for the common cold

NEW YORK - Physicians at the Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, researchers at the medical cenical Center have announced what ter described successful animal exthey say is the first application of periments using gene therapy that gene therapy to heart disease: the resulted in the growth of cardiac injection of a gene instructing cells blood vessels. On Dec. 17, surgeons to make new blood vessels into the at New York Hospital performed two bypasses on a patient with three The hope is that the heart will clogged arteries. The third artery

In the new issue of the Journal of sels was injected into heart muscle near the blocked artery. The hope is that a network of new, smaller blood vessels will grow, compensating for the clogged artery.

Cornell physicians said it would be some time before they know whether new vessels would grow, In addition to the clinical trial, other approaches to induce cardiac hlood vessel growth are under way.

Instead, a gene-based agent to ments involving the multiple ap-stimulate the growth of blood ves-proaches have all looked quite promising," said Dr. Leslie Leinwand, head of the basic research

> Of the New York trial, she said: dure, and I think it is important to be cautious and not expect too much from this early safety trial."

"Preliminary laboratory experi- therapy reversed disease in a group muscle.

of patients with hopelessly blocked

hlood vessels in their legs.
At the University of California, San Diego Medical Center, animal council of the American Heart As- studies have shown that the gene therapy approach works. But researchers there have moved on to "This is quite an invasive proce- other techniques, using infusions of proteins that cause blood vessel

These proteins can be injected In November, researchers in into the bloodstream without the Massacbusetts reported that gene need for direct injection into heart

Clinton Offers Medicare Deal

WASHINGTON - With older Americans at greater risk for being denied private health coverage. President Bill Clinton proposed Tuesday to let early retirees and laid-off workers huy into Medicare as early as age 55.

The president's proposal is similar to an option offered by Social Security, in which people can spread their pension benefits over a longer period, starting at age 62 instead of 65.

These people have spent their lifetimes working hard supporting their families, contributing to society," Clinton said. "Just at the time they most need health care, they are least attractive to health insurers who demand

higher premiums or deny coverage outright. The plan, if approved by Congress, would let some Americans from 62 to 65 pay a monthly premium of about \$300 — plus an additional monthly payment of \$10 to \$20 — to get government health insurance through Medicare. Once they became fully eligible for Medicare, at age 65, people who bought in early would pay slightly higher outof-pocket fees than those who did not.

Laid-off workers over age 55 would be offered a similar buy-in option.

Boy Scouts vs. Atheists et al

LOS ANGELES --- The California Supreme Court has been asked to let homosexuals, agnostics and atheists join

the Boy Scouts of America. The challenge, to a movement that has not changed its rules since its foundation at the turn of the century, hinged on whether the Boy Scouts should be considered a business or a charitable organization.

If the organization is deemed to be a business, it could be forced to admit homosexuals, women and atheists. The ruling could have national implications.

Quote/Unquote

James Rubin, the State Department spokesman, on reports that broadcasters are being overcharged by the Cuban government to cover the papal visit starting Jan. 21: "As we get closer to the visit, I'll try to make sure I'm armed with all the information surrounding that visit, But I can state with great confidence here and now that we are against price gouging."

Away From Politics

 A new high school in Catifornia whose student body is expected to be about two-thirds white will be named after Martin Luther King Jr. despite some race-based concerns. The Riverside school board rejected worries that using the slain civil rights leader's name could hurt students' college chances in less-tolerant states. (AP)

 Children breast-fed longer do better in school, with benefits that can be measured into adolescence, a report asserts. Researchers at the Christchurch School of Medicine in New Zealand, said they followed more than 1,000 children from hirth in 1977 through age 18. Some were hreast-fed less than four months, others four to seven and some for eight or more; others were not hreast-fed at all. The report says the longer infants were hreast-fed, the higher they scored in evaluations.

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Balanced Budget: If So, Then What?

Political Tug-of-War Is Gearing Up

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

ident Bill Clinton's an- ton's influence. nouncement that he could balance the budget next year, tween a big government with three years ahead of schedule a balanced budget and a small — and his implicit acknowledgment that the budget
could even show a surplus as

a manner study and a balanced
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budget," said Representative
Bill Archer, Republican of soon as this year — is sure to result in a free-for-all on Cap-

There will be a grab-bag atmosphere driven by ideology, special interests and oldfashioned pork barrel politics for any windfall that comes the way of the government

balance or surplus over the next year or two is not terribly significant. The deficit has already come down from a peak of \$290 billion in 1992, and at its current level is only a tiny portion of the nation's

economic output.

But in political terms, closing the last of the gap not only allows Mr. Clinton and both parties in Congress to say that habits. they completed the joh as they maneuver for advantage in Shuster, Republican to move into a less constrained new era.

to the debate," Mr. Clinton said. effectively pronouncing a start to the politics of

Both Mr. Clinton and Re- to campaign. publican leaders cautioned been a stronger-than-expected economy more than any belt-tightening or political fortitude in Washington that led to Monday's good news.

Moreover, the nation will undoubtedly face fiscal challenges again, perhaps sooner than anyone in Washington has been counting on if the economy turns down. Asia's woes stand as a reminder of bow sharply high-flying economies can fall.

But judging by the rush among members of Congress over the last several months to stake claims to any budget surpluses, no one is much listening to the warning sig-

Hours before Mr. Clinton's announcement Monday, the speaker of the House. Newt Gingricb, said any surplus should first be used to help pay down the \$5 trillion debt

But he added that some portion of any surplus this year should go to an annual broad-based tax cut of the sort that Republicans have been pushing unsuccessfully for

Indeed, after coming to a wary truce with Mr. Clinton last year in order to put in place a plan to eliminate the deficit. Republicans now seem eager not just to battle entting taxes not only puts budget director.

Week.'

By Bill Carter

New York Times Service

true. I'll never change that. But now I

will bring you information about food,

the environment, agriculture - issues

of importance to the American people

money back in the pockets of citizens but helps starve, and therefore shrink, the federal WASHINGTON - Pres- bureancracy and Washing-

"There's a difference be-Texas, who is chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, "That's wby it's important to reduce the excessive tax burden on the American people, which in turn reduces the size and power of the government."

For their part, Democrats, and taxpayers. while pledging fiscal respon-in economic terms, moving from the \$22.7 billion deficit that there is pent-up demand the government recorded for for additional spending on the year ended Sept. 30 into health, education and social programs.
"We face a set of delayed

or deferred choices for the spect to children, with respect to our schools and our infrastructure," Senator John Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, said.

Both parties show signs of succembing to old political

Representative this year's midterm elections, Pennsylvania, who is chairbut it also gives them freedom man of the House Transportation Committee, has won support from both sides of the "I welcome other people aisle for plans to increase spending on road-building, the kind of project that members of Congress can point to wilii priae wa**e**n me

Mr. Clinton has yet to speagainst a rush to abandon fis- cify how he would allocate cal discipline, although the any surpluses, but White evidence suggests that it has House officials have been wary of efforts hy Republicans to pass big tax cuts. They said their fear was that Republicans might push through big tax cuts during a period of prosperity — and then demand hig spending cuts in programs that Mr. Clinton has bartled to protect at the first hint that the deficit might re-

> The jostling for a piece of the surplus is likely to be somewhat tempered by an emerging consensus within both parties that the good fiscal news provides an oppor-unity to confront the problem of how to keep the Social Se-curity and Medicare produring the first decades of the

next century. The administration said this weekend that it wants to help forge a hipartisan solnnon to the problems of Social Security in the next two years. On Monday, Mr. Gingrich endorsed that timetable.

And although there is still no agreement about bow to go about shoring up the retire-ment program, White House officials and Republican leaders said the elimination of the budget deficit gives them added political and economic

flexibility. "The job of dealing with Medicare and Social Security is now teed up for the political for hig tax cuts, hat to re-introduce their argument that Raines, the White House



President Clinton discussing budget initiatives with his economics team, from left: Paul Begala, presidential country, particularly with re- adviser; Franklin Raines, chairman of the Office of Management and Budget, and Erskine Bowles, chief of staff.

Gingrich on Surplus: Cut Debt and Taxes

By Neil A. Lewis New York Times Service

ATLANTA - The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, has proposed that any budget surplus produced this year be used to reduce the national debt and to personal deductions or reducing tax pay for the first of a series of annual across-the-board tax cuts.

Mr. Gingrich spoke before President Bill Clinton's declaration Monday that Gingrich said. Such an approach to cut- would involve considerable sacrifice. the budget he will send to Congress later ting taxes, he said, was preferable to tax situation that has not occurred since 1969. The speaker said it was important symbolically to return any surplus produced by the strong economy to taxpayers.

At a breakfast meeting of the Cohh County Chamber of Commerce here, Mr. Gingrich said that the annicipated budget surpluses should also be used to lower the national debt. And he said his long-range goals for future surpluses were to eliminate the so-called death penalty - high inheritance taxes - and to reduce the capital gains tax.

The first goal should be "to pay down the debt" from the surplus, he said,

added that it was an important goal to Congressional Budget Office and the Of-'try to get to at least a small tax ent every fice of Management and Budget release year." Even in the first year a surplus their projections for the deficit. occurs, there should be an across-the-

"We should take a step in the right direction, even if it's a small step," Mr. analysts, who believe that doing so cuts for specific groups take year's hadget agreement.

Mr. Gingrich said that the drastically changed federal fiscal landscape, widely anticipated in the coming years, should be used to gradually reduce all taxes, including local taxes, to no more than a fourth of an individual's income.

"I would suggest that in peacetime, our goal should be that all three levels — understand the marketplace," be said. state, local and federal governments should not take more than 25 percent," he said, adding that the average is now abont 38 percent.

whether there would be a surplus in the currents of presidential politics would be especially on the trust funds for trans- current fiscal year, adding that be would too strong to deal with the issue.

portation and Social Security. But he know better in coming weeks when the

Mr. Gingrich also agreed with Mr. board cut achieved either by increasing Clinton's call to have Congress address the issue of changing the Social Security rates, he told reporters after the speech. system before the end of the century. But Mr. Gingrich took issue with most

> He proposed that Congress establish a isea of members who represented three generations, to consider ways to buttress the Social Se-

curity system. While not offering any specific pro-posals, he rejected the view that painful choices are inevitable.

'Anyone who thinks you're going to have to make painful choices doesn't

Mr. Gingrich said he believed that the best, if not the only, opportunity to change the Social Security system would be in the 'the 12 to 15 months after the elections Mr. Gingrich said he was unsure about this fall." After that, be said, the cross-

Snag on Lawyers Delays Unabomb Trial

grams from going bankrupt trial of Theodore Kaczynski, which came to a mysterious and sudden stop when the alleged Unabomber blurted out to the court that be had a very important" statement to make about his relationship with his attorneys, has been

Opening statements, scheduled to begin Monday morn-ing, were delayed until Thursday at the earliest and the jurors, who had not yet come into the courtroom when Mr. Kaczynski staged his outburst, were excused until then. was Kaczynski

chambers with his attorneys for more than four hours of While the exact nature of

David Brinkley's New Role: Pitchman

ABC was concerned enough about

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the possibility that the andience might unique position. But David doesn't think he still worked on his former work for ns anymore."

SACRAMENTO — The since his arrest largely own journals, "a sickie." He ial of Theodore Kaczynski, wrapped in mystery, U.S. Disbas refused to be examined by - and Mr. Kaczynski's own words - indicated the defendant is again wrangling with his own attorneys.

"Your honor, before these proceedings begin, I would like to revisit the issue of my relationship with my attorneys," Mr. Kaczynski said. The defendant previously

has fought with his lawyers over their attempts to portray him as mentally ill. At least two mental health experts, hired by the defense, have examined Mr. Kaczynski and ushered into the judge's concluded that the former mathematics professor turned mountain man soffers from the delusions of a paranoid

schizophrenic. Mr. Kaczynski himself has vealed, leaving Mr. Kaczyn- resolutely denied that be is, as

trict Judge Garland Burrell Jr. government psychiatrists and has cut off interviews with his own doctors when they broached the subject of his possible mental illness.

Because of Mr. Kaczyn-ski's refusal to be examined by government experts, his defense team has been denied the opportunity to offer mental bealth testimony. Efforts by his attorneys to

secure a plea bargain — an admittance of guilt in ex-change for a life sentence rather than the possibility of death — have been rebuffed by prosecutors.

But Mark O'Sullivan, an FBI chaplain who is serving as the spokesman for the family of a slain forestry lohbyist, Gilbert Murray, said the family was "extremely disap-pointed to have the defendant stand up and grind things to a

cutor, also expressed frustra-tion and asked Judge Burrell the Unabomber style and a

ski's first public utterance the recluse put it in one of his ski and his lawyers. Judge Burrell said he was trying hut suggested that it was not easy.

"A criminal proceeding sometimes involves dynamics that a judge has to react to," he said.

If Mr. Kaczynski is trying to dismiss his court-appointed attorneys, it will be difficult at this stage, according to legal experts, but not impossible. One San Francisco defense attorney's office confirmed that it had been contacted by

the judge on Monday. Other attorneys could be appointed, but that might delay the trial for weeks or months and may require a long jury

selection all over again. The case against Mr. Kaczynski is seen by observers as almost overwhelming. Found in his 10-by-12-foot (3by-3.5-meter) Montana cahin was a trove of damning evidence, including coded journals that read like virtual Robert Cleary, the prose-signed confessions, as well as

the Unabomber style and a in court to "firmly and fi- draft of the Unabomber's nally" resolve the disagree- 35,000-word manifesto raging ments between Mr. Kaczyn- against industrial society.

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NEW YORK - A series of comthe potential confusion that it had the former dean of the Columbia School of mercials using the former ABC News current co-anchor of "This Week," Journalism, said of Mr. Brinkley's new anchorman David Brinkley as a Cokie Roberts, issue a disclaimer role: "I think it's awful. Lines should spokesman began appearing on netabout Mr. Brinkley immediately after be distinct, and they are not distinct in work news programs last weekend, including on Mr. Brinkley's former the first of three commercial weekly discussion program, "This appeared in was broadcast. the first of three commercials that he this case. She added, "It would have been a Ms. Roberts said: "First, we want to testament to the integrity of ABC News congratulate David Brinkley on his not to air this particular commercial." new role. After leaving ABC News, Mr. Brinkley, 76, did not return tele The commercials, for the giant agribusiness company Archer Daniels Midland, featured Mr. Brinkley, who retired from ABC last year, telling viewers; "I will snll speak straight and the property of the straight and the property of the straight and the straight an Mr. Brinkley, 76, did not return tele-

Bnt Joan Konner, publisher of the

Columbia Journalism Review and a

he's now the spokesperson for Archer Daniels Midland." phone calls seeking comment.

Archer Daniels Midland, based in ABC had the right to keep the com- Decatur, Illinois, has been a longtime mercial off the air, as it does for any sponsor of "This Week."

The company admitted in October commercial it deems inappropriate. 'We did review the commercial and that it had conspired to fix prices for decided there was no reason not to air citric acid and lysine, and agreed to pay it, "said Eileen Murphy, spokeswom- an for ABC News. "It put us in a inal fine, a record for a corporation.

THE WORLD'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

South Korean Meltdown Leaves the North Short of Words

By Kevin Sullivan Washington Post Service

SEOUL --- Remember North Korea? For the last two years, when the world thought about the Korean Peninsula it usually thought about the North: starving children, an unpredictable Stalinist regime suspected of making nuclear weapons, a million-man army posing a constant threat along the world's most heavily fortified border.

But in recent months, the world's fo-South Korea. The economic meltdown in the world's 11th-largest economy bas stolen the headlines. The election of a longtime dissident, Kim Dae Jung, as president two weeks ago has eclipsed geopolitical balance in the region.

a silver lining to South Korea's eco- sure. When North Korea observes South nomic pain. Despite fears among-con-koreans still eating well and enjoying servatives in Seoul that instability in world-class industrial production de-

agency reported Tuesday.

Indonesian Army Maps

Plans on Voting Unrest

JAKARTA — Indonesia's military leaders will draw up

Antara quoted the chief of the armed forces, General

"We have to remain aware and alert," General Tanjung

contingency plans to deal with possible disturbances during

presidential elections in March, the official Antara news

Feisal Tanjung, as saying a high-level meeting would be held beginning Feh. 10 to discuss what he called emergency

told reporters after meeting President Subarto at his res-

Mr. Suharto, 76, is widely expected to be elected for a

seventh five-year term when the People's Consultative Assembly, the electoral college for the presidential polls, holds its meeting in March. The 1,000-member assembly

The Jakarta Post newspaper quoted General Tanjung as

The streets of Bandung in West Java were quiet but tense

Tuesday, a day after street vendors and thousands of others

went on a rampage against ethnic Chinese-owned shops,

Security personnel were on patrol in the city's main

Witnesses said the violence crupted Monday after a

saying the meeting with military leaders next month would

focus on preparing a plan aimed at cracking down on any

idence in central Jakarta. Antara gave no further details.

measures to be taken to secure the elections.

will choose the president and vice president.

possible disturbances at the time of the election.

The Associated Press reported.

shopping district, the police said

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In an interview with the International

South Korea more widely to foreign

cians with vested interests are fighting to

preserve cozy relationships that have

brought them wealth and clout. In down-

grading Indonesia's long-term foreign

currency deht to junk-bond status last

week, the international rating agency

Standard & Poor's Corp. said there was a

"risk that the pervasive linkages between the political and business elite could sty-

mic the institutional, legal and financial

sector reforms upon which the restoration

terms for an IMF-led loan package of

about \$40 billion in October, Indonesian

financial authorities closed 16 banks that

they said were insolvent or had broken

banking rules, including three that were

partly owned by relatives of President

Suharin. But two of the relatives promptly

of investor confidence now depends."

investment and competitioo.

■ Street Violence Dies Down in West Java City

South Korea might tempt the North into spite their country's distress, many anabelligerence or even military aggression, lysts say, North Korean leaders must in a few months as stocks are depleted, analysts agree that the crisis has done the opposite. Relations between the rival Koreas are more calm and free of vitriol than they have been in mooths.

"North Korea needs help from the South," said Ahn Byung Joon, a political science professor at Yonsei University in Scoul. "Like it or not, the South is still the only country that can provide them with large-scale aid. My hunch is that they don't want to give the cus has turned almost exclusively to impression that they are interfering in South Korea's domestic problems.'

Some here think North Korea is simply confused. The workings of the international stock, bond and currency markets that have crippled South Korea speculation about how North Korea's are a decidedly foreign concept in North leader, Kim Jong II, is affecting the Korea's insulated Communist economy.

South Korea also remains far ahead of Most analysts say the situation may be North Korea hy every economic mea-

wonder. What's the big problem?

"I don't think they know what to make of it," the U.S. ambassador to South Korea, Stephen Bosworth, said in an interview. "For a long time, they were kind of puzzled by all this. I don't think there was a broad understanding of what was going on."
The intense focus oo South Korea has

given North Korea a chance to step out of the international spotlight for a moment. That takes some pressure off Kim Jong II while many fear that severe economic distress in his country could lead to dangerous instability.
At the same time, North Korea prob-

ably has more food available now than it has had in months. The fall harvest,

bolstering the food stocks. Analysts agree that North Korea's

but for now, North Korea's belly is relatively full on a diet that is "spartan but adequate," according to one observer.

North Korea also received something of a Christmas present when the election of Kim Dae Jung signaled the impending end of the administration of President Kim Young Sam, who is hated by the North Koreans.

President-elect Kim, while still a strong advocate of military deterrence against the North, is seen as far more moderate and more willing to engage the North Koreans. It is telling that North Korea's propaganda machine is still howling insults at Kim Young Sam but has been relatively quiet about Kim Dae Jung.

Overall, North Korea has been oddly while meager, is helping to keep star-vation at bay. Large shipments of food aid from ahroad arrived in the North along the Demilitarized Zone and none between August and October, further of the gloating that might have been expected about South Korea's humiliating economic crisis. Even the loud-

speakers along the DMZ that hurl North Korea's propaganda southward have gone largely silent.
"They've done a bit of crowing over

the situation down here, but not nearly as much as they could have," a U.S. official in Seoul said. "They've been far less noisy and obsoxious than in any previous election. Personally, I think it looks like they are preparing to get more engaged with the South."

indeed, on Dec. 9, in the middle of South Korea's financial disintegration, North Korean negotiators sat down with American, South Korean and Chinese officials for the first substantive peace talks in 40 years among the key parties in the Korean War. The meeting was widely hailed as the best chance to achieve a formal peace treaty to replace the armistice that suspended the fighting m 1953. But most newspapers in South Korea played the story quietly on inside pages and it drew little reaction from the people of South Korea, who were preoccupied with the financial turmoil.

"North Korea is just not what people are interested in right now," the U.S. official said. "For two years, no matter what the nominal subject of conver-sation was, it would always come around to North Korea. Now, it always comes around to the economy."

Given the secretive oature of North

Korea, analysts say it is too sooo to tell whether South Korea's financial problems will help or hinder prospects for better relations. Some worry that the problems eliminate a key incentive for North Korea to talk to the South -

North Korea desperately needs financial assistance, and South Korea has always been able to entice the North with its vast wealth and promises of belp. Now that South Korea has little money to spare, will the North be as willing to talk?

A key test of South Korea's new economic realities will be its contributions to an international project to build nu-clear power plants in North Korea. Under the terms of a U.S.-hrokered 1994 deal, North Korea agreed to suspend its ouclear power program in exchange for two new light-water nuclear reactors and

deliveries of fuel oil. Ben Limb, a top adviser to Kim Dae Jung, said the president-elect was "100 percent behind" the project, which is overseen by the Korean Peninsula En-

ergy Development Organization.
Ambassador Bosworth, the development organization's former executive director, also said he believed South Korea would continue to meet its obligations to the organization.



police crackdown on illegal street trading in the city of more President Suharto in Parliament on Tuesday unveiling the 1998-99 budget. The 55than 2 million, 180 kilometers (110 miles) east of Jakarta. minute speech was his longest public address since doctors ordered him to rest last month.

\$378 Million Sought In Korean Food Aid

BRIEFLY

Train Crash in Fog

NEW DELHI — A passenger train sped through a red light on a foggy night in northern India and slammed into a parked train, killing 51 people and injuring 62, United News of India reported Tuesday.

The collision occurred late Mon-

day oear the Karna railroad station,

400 miles southeast of New Delhi,

the agency said, quoting a Railroad

Ministry statement. The ministry said some bodies were still feared

One survivor said rescue workers

reached the remote site four hours

after the accident. The parked train

had apparently halted after hitting a (AP)

Pol Pot Still Held

By Khmer Rouge

BANGKOK — Khmer Rouge guerrillas in Cambodia have al-lowed a Thai reporter to meet

briefly with Pol Pot, dispelling ru-

mors that the former Khmer Rouge

leader had fled abroad from their jungle hideont, the Bangkok Post

reported Tuesday.
"My political life is finished,"

said Mr. Pol Pot, who was con-

demned last fall by his comrades to

life under house arrest in Anlong

Veng, a village near the Thai border.

'I probably cannot say more.'
Mr. Pol Pot, 73, is responsible for

the deaths of more than a million

people when he ruled Cambodia

from 1975 to 1979. The Thai re-

porter, Prasit Saengrungruang, who

reportedly met him on Sunday, said Mr. Pol Pot appeared ill. (NYT)

trapped in the debris.

Kills 51 in India

LONDON — Launching the higgest appeal in its history, the World Food Program urged the international community on Tuesday to donate more than \$378 million this year to avert famine in North

"The number of people at risk are a vast majority of the population of 23 million," said the program's ex-ecutive director, Catherine Bertini. Last year, the UN agency provided more than 363,000 tons of food to 4.7 million North Koreans. (AP)

Mao's Body on View

BELIING - The embalmed corpse of Mao Zedong was back oo public display Tuesday in Beijing. After nine months of touch-ups and structural changes, the Chairman Mao Memorial Hall in Beijing's Tiananmen Square quietly reopened to the public. Mao died in 1976 after a 27-year

reign as China's absolute ruler.

Cohen Sets Asia Trip

SEOUL - Defense Secretary William Cohen is scheduled to visit South Korea on Jan. 21 as part of an 11-day tour of Asia that also includes China and Japan, a spokes-man for the U.S. Embassy in Seoul said Tuesday.

Mr. Cohen was scheduled to visit

Asia in November hut canceled because of the crisis over the weapons inspectioo program in Iraq. South Korea will be the last leg of

the trip, which begins Jan. 12 and ends Jan. 22, the spokesman said. (Reuters)

ASIA: A Fresh Wave of Currency Turmoil

Continued from Page 1 successor and a very real risk of violence

against ethnic Chinese. Other economists and currency traders, while highlighting specific con-

terns such as the rise of the dollar against the yen and uncertainties about Indoneala's new budget, said the crisis had now built up enough momentum to feed on tad news from almost any market. "Every minute is a new era," said a

foreign-exchange trader in Singapore. . lo Asian trading, the rupiah fell by as much as 14 percent, to 7,700, against the ica. "But with the Indonesian rupiah dollar, the lowest level since the Indonesian currency began trading in 1971. The rupiah has lost 26 percent of its value during the last three trading days, on top of the currency's 56 percent plunge in the final months of last year.

through the first quarter of the year or until more players are willing to enter the currency markets, Mr. Nickerson said. The Malaysian ringgit plunged by as much as 6.4 percent against the dollar, to 4.3657, its lowest level since it was floated in 1973. The Thai baht fell by as much as 8 percent, to 54.35 per dollar, and the Philippine peso touched a cew low of 45.209 per dollar after banks widened the band within which the curfurther down, he said. rency could be traded.

In Thailand, where exporters reluctant to change their dollars for baht have been blamed for undercutting the currency, officials tightened rules for the repatriation of foreign earnings and said further measures against speculation would

be announced later this week. Effective Wednesday, exporters will offer great value." be required to immediately repatriate foreign-currency earnings instead of waiting up to 120 days, as formerly allowed, said Finance Minister Tarrio

Nimmanhaeminda. Mr. Tarrin said several hundred millioo dollars' worth of funds would be brought to Thailand in what he said was a one-time move to support the baht.

To be sure, husinessmen and politi- friends as shareholders and were restarted oo presidential instructions. Nonetheless, Radins Prawiro, a former Indonesian finance minister ap-

pointed recently to help heavily indehted companies negotiate new loans and longer repayment periods with foreign creditor banks, said that even well-connected companies would not be bailed out by the government.

Nor could they expect "subsidies, protection, special treatment or facilities from the government, similar to what they had received in the past," he said. Shortly after Indonesia agreed on

Across the region, capital is becoming more expensive, as interest rates rise to

Herald Tribune, published Monday, closure of the third relative's bank until it South Korea's president-elect, Kim Dae reached a final verdict on the case.

covernment-controlled economy with a turmoil also raised questions about the not had to do for a long time. free-market system that would open government's credibility and commit-. The trend toward greater cost effiment to reform. Several of the projects ciency will be reinforced by a growing involve Mr. Suharto's relatives or wave of mergers and acquisitions, and

help halt the fall in the value of local currencies and to compensate for increased investment risk and lower growth. This is compelling companies to use capital more efficiently, pushing

While analysts likened the move to a

cost-free intervention by the central

bank, many questioned the government's

ability to enforce the new rules and said

there were few direct measures that could be taken to check the falling currencies.

Many regional economists have given up any pretense of predicting how far the region's currencies will drop.

'To point ont how bad it could get, people used to say: Look how far the

Mexican peso went during their crisis," said Eric Nickerson, managing director

of currency research at Bank of Amer-

having fallen beyond that level, this

The extreme volatility could continue

"It has turned into a self-destructive vicious circle," said Bemhard Eschweiler, head of economic research at J.P.

Morgan. The currency depreciations

force companies to refinance, which un-

dermines their financial health, hurts the

Stabilization of the currencies could

very quickly become an appreciation,"

Mr. Eschweiler said. "Once it starts

grabbing the market, these currencies

the value of local currencies increases

the risk of massive corporate defaults

repay dollar-denominated loans.

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CRONIES: Brand of Capitalism Based on Connections Is Wilting in Asia Under Tough Rescue Conditions

Jung, said he was committed to replacing the "corrupt connection between businessmen and political power" in a little of capture of the financial businessmen and political power with a some major infrastructure projects into their use of capital, something they have their use of capital and the manufacture of the financial into the capital access to governments and the manufacture of their use of capital access to governments and the manufacture of the financial into the capital access to governments and the manufacture of the financial into the capital access to governments and the manufacture of the financial into the capital access to governments and the manufacture of the financial into the capital access to governments and the

wave of mergers and acquisitions, and taken over by stronger entities. The recent lifting or easing of long-standing restrictions oo foreign ownership of companies in South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand has opened the way for an increase in overseas control, an injection of more professional management practices and accounting standards, and improvements

in bankruptcy provisions, analysts said.

Banks in those three countries and other trophled East Asian economies are estimated to have bad loans that total more than \$100 hillion. They need immediate injections of cash to capitalize their balance sheets.

"The coming year is likely to be marked by a massive move toward recapitalization of both Asian-owned banks and the companies to which they have

Companies from the United States, large part of the money was spent on Europe and the stronger Asian economies excessive and unprofitable industrial, Companies from the United States, - such as Singapore, Taiwan and Hong real estate and infrastructure expansioo Kong — are leading the hunt for such debt-to-equity conversions, as distressed acquisitions. In Thailand, for example, a banks and businesses in East Asia are consortium of five Taiwan banks said last week that it was considering huying Bangkok Metropolitan Bank, following sweeping boardroom changes to make it omy, its debt crisis has been a direct by-more attractive and a promise that the product of government industrial

due diligence investigation of another Zurich Kemper Investments in Chicago.
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Robert Broadfoot, managing director Ltd., by Feb. 21 before making an agreed takeover final, while Prudential Securities of the United States has expressed interest in major parts of Thailand's Nava Finance and Securities Ltd.

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"In Thailand, it was corruption," he Largely as a result of crony capitalism, banks and other businesses in Korea, it was a warped relationship be-

bought another bank, and an Indonesian them to reward profitable enterprise in lent, and the major way that this recap-court, in a move some critics said was the place of crony connections. ____ italization will take place is by converting total of \$379 hillioo — much of which is due to be repaid within 12 months.

Of the total, \$294 billion is owed by the

private sector, mainly by companies that - and on contributions and kickbacks to governing parties and officials for fa-

cilitating the loans and other favors. "While South Korea is in theory a capitalist country with a market econdeal might be further sweetened by converting debt owed to Bank of Thailand, the central bank, into shares.

policies designed to maximize the growth of industrial production rather than corporate profitability," said David Citibank is working to complete its Hale, global economic strategist at

> Robert Broadfoot, managing director of Political & Economic Risk Consultancy in Hong Kong, said that bad political leadership had created the economic mess in East Asia.

South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand are tween big business and government that saddled with huge debts. According to led to gross asset misallocation."

EURO: Italy Seeks 'Federal' Oversight

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that is too high." The reason real interest rates remained so high, he said, was that 'rate levels still reflect fears about inflation and about public sector finances of the past 15 years in all of Europe." But Mr. Ciampi argued that "since inflation is down now, and deficits are down thanks to the Maastricht process. there is now a margin for a reductioo in real interest rates across Europe. Lower interest rates, be added, were

also "the best way to fight unemployment by spurring growth."
In addition to the economic reasons for

cutting rates in Europe, the financial crisis in Asia would provide further scope for reducing rates, Mr. Ciampi said. "While the Asian crisis will mean a slowing of global economic growth, developments in Asia, together with the appreciation of the American dollar, should change expectations about interest rates on both sides of the Atlantic.

Six months ago, the United States seemed to be on the verge of raising rates," Mr. Ciampi said. "Now Fed chairman Alan Greenspan is sending opposite signals, and I am in complete agreement with Mr. Greenspan that our concern should be about deflation, and no longer about inflation."

Europe's economic government, he said, should evolve as a mix between regular meetings of finance ministers and the policy-making Euro-X Coun-

The European Central Bank, he ex-plained, would therefore have "an interlocutor, just like the Federal Reserve in America has a political interlocutor.

Mr. Ciampi said. "The Euro-X makes sense only if you can manage the single currency and make decisions that are different from those which would be made with a national perspective."

Mr. Ciampi was visibly ebullient after the latest figures showed that Italy's def-icit was more than halved in 1997 to 2.7 percent of its gross domestic product, comfortably below the 3 percent target for nations wishing to qualify for the euro.

He also made these other points:

To combat Europe's jobs crisis, a

two-pronged attack would be needed, comprising both lower interest rates and new measures to make our labor markets more flexible and to provide more vocational training for workers."

• He understood fears in Germany that the new euro might be a weaker currency than the Deutsche mark, and conceded that "it is up to us in Italy to make sure it is not weaker and the way to do that is to cootinue to keep our deficit low in 1998 and beyond,"

• Italy is determined to trim its public sector debt, which in 1997 stood at 122 percent of GDP. As a result of privatizatioo proceeds and an expanding ecocomy, he predicted that the debt as a proportion of GDP would drop to below 100 percent in the next five years.

• The idea of legislation now being debated in Rome that would automatically mandate the introduction of a 35hour workweek was "nonsense" and would not create jobs as its advocates argued, but merely increase costs.

• The government plans to push ahead with a new round of privatizations in 1998, and aims to raise between 20 trillion lire (\$11.2 hillion) and 30 trillion lire, an "The Euro-X should be an organ that is no longer just a consultative body for ministers, but a place where decisions are ergy group ENI that would lower its stake to below \$1 percent for the first time. to below 51 percent for the first time.



Indonesia's finance minister, Mari'e Muhammad, speaking to reporters economy and in turn pulls the currency after a preliminary hearing on the state budget in Jakarta on Tuesday.

Mr. Eschweiler said that hy the "How can anyone possibly pay what middle of this year the effect of slowed imports into the region would give some are now worth double what they were fail, depending on reforms of chaebol and labor laws."

His comments came a day after the when originally borrowed, the markets in which they earned profits are shrinking with the economic downturn and ernment enacted the new labor laws. outside investors aren't coming in."

■ Kim Vows to Allow Layoffs

But the falling currencies do not necessarily mean that buying into the region's companies will bring bargains, an economist in Bangkok said. Each drop in South Korea's incoming government vowed to pass laws making it easier for threatened to strike in protest, Bloomberg News reported from Seoul on Tuesday.

His comments came a day after the

country's second-higgest labor union threatened "hloody strikes" if the gov-

In a late-night meeting Monday, lead-ers of the three main political parties agreed to push for passage of the leg-islation as early as next week in an emergency session of Parliament. The law now forbids all but the most

financially stressed companies from dismissing workers. News reported from Seoul on Tuesday.

"We strongly urge the government to withdraw plans which will prompt ident-elect Kim Dae Jung in a speech Tuesday. "We can either take a leap or Confederation of Trade Unions said.

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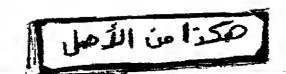
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Europe Chastises Turkey on Kurds

Italy and Others Urge Ankara to End War and Solve Refugee Crisis

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

ISTANBUL - The surge of Kurdish refugees fleeing aboard rusty boats from Turkey to Italy has again focused European attention on the 13-year-old war between Kurdish rebels and the Turkish Army, one of the world's longest-lasting and most intractable civil conflicts.

Officials in Italy and several other European countries have made recewed calls on Turkey to change its approach to claim persecution in Turkey and that the conflict, but Turkey has rejected

Last week, more than 1,200 refugees, most of them Kurds from Turkey along with some from oorthern Iraq, arrived in Italy. Reports from oews agencies and refugee groups suggest that 1,000 or more Kurds may be on the way. Roman Catholic hishops have called on the government to set up special reception centers for them.

Refugees in Italy said they had paid \$1,000 to \$4,000 to smugglers who brought them to Istanhul and other Turkish ports for the trip. It is the largest flow of refugees into Italy since 16,000 Albanians landed there last year.

Alarmed at the exodus, senior police officials from Italy, Turkey, Austria, Germany, France and Switzerland have agreed to meet in Rome on Wednesday to map out a strategy.

The Italian government, influenced by human rights advocates in governing guaranteeing poliocal asylum, offers it-

that Turkey finds disconcerting.

Prime Minister Romano Prodi asserted Sunday that Italy would greet Kurdish refugees "with open arms" and said the issue of their civil rights in Turkey is 'real, not fictitioos." President Luigi Scalfaro said Italy was "wide open" to

people 'living with persecution.'

Turkish officials replied hy insisting that Kurdish refugees have no reason to their applications for political asylum are unjustified. They have warned that those who are fleeing include criminals and supporters of the rebel forces.

[A Turkish Kurd refugee whose asylum application was twice rejected by Germany died Tuesday after dousing himself with gasoline and setting him-self on fire, The Associated Press reported from Wesel, Germany.] The German authorities said he had

spent about six months in a Turkish prison on suspicion of being an access-

minister without portfolio in the government of Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, said to the Italian newspaper La Stampa. "At a time when many Eurothis dangerous class of person, Italy, by

parties and the Roman Catholic Church, self as a new refuge. But it is dangerous has welcomed the Kurds with a warmth to take criminals aloog with refugees."

Turkish officials are unhappy that the political wing of the Kurdish Workers Party, the main rebel groop, is allowed to operate in Rome. Mehmet Balci, a spokesman there for the political wing, said people were fleeing because of bru-tal practices by the Turkish Army.

"Their homes were hurned, and cattle were killed," Mr. Balci said to The Associated Press, "They are fleeing the war to places where they can live in

Other European governments have joined Italy in urging that Turkey reexamine its policy toward the Kurdish rebels. Their concern stems in part from fear that if Kurds are granted refugee status in Italy, they will seek to travel of nine EU nations in the so-called Schengen group, which has abolished most controls oo immigrafon.

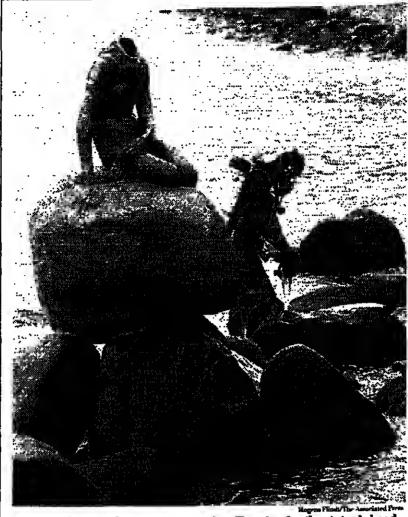
■ Kurd Goes on Trial in Germany

ory to the killing of a policeman there.]

"The position of the Turkish government is that in Turkey, there is no Kurdish question," Sukru Sina Gurel, a

A Kurd accused of involvement in a spate of arson attacks against Turkish targets in Germany four years ago went on trial Tuesday in Celle, Germany, Reuters reported.

The 48-year-old man, identified as Faysal D. and as a former spokesman of the Kurdish Workers Party, is also pean countries are closing their doors to charged with heading a terrorist organizacion. One person was killed in the



A diver searching Copenhagen's harbor Tuesday for the statue's head.

Copenhagen Symbol, The Little Mermaid, Loses Head Again

The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — The Little Mermaid was not looking wistfully out to sea as usual on Tuesday — vandals had cut off the head of the statue for the second time.

The decapitation was reported before dawn hy a passer-by in the har-borside park where the statue perches on a rock. Scores of shocked Danes streamed to the park after morning news programs broadcast the story. "It's disgusting," said Henrik Bruhn, a retiree. "It's a stupid prank, real stupid."

real stupid.
Federica Vianello, an Italian tourist, said: "We're stunned. She is like Copenhagen's Eiffel Tower."
The first decapitation of the statue based on the Hans Christian Andersen story was in 1964. The vandalism appalled Danes and the vandalism was investigated by the police homicide

squad. No arrests were made. Scuba divers searched the frigid harbor waters for the head and dogs combed the park for clues. The police said they were looking for two young men who were seen in the park around the time the decapitation was reported. Copenhagen's chief architect, Otto Kaeszner, told TV2 that it would be "very expensive" to replace the head but declined to give details.

For German Seminarians, Pulpits Hard to Find as Church-Tax Receipts Fall

By Edmund L. Andrews New York Times Service

MOERFELDEN, Germany - When Gert Holle began to prepare to become a Lutheran minister more than eight years ago, he braced himself for arduous studies followed by hard work and modest pay.

But now, five months before he is supposed to take his vows, the 33-yearold seminarian faces the one prospect he did not anocipate: unemployment, For the first time in memory, the hisbop here announced recently that the church has jobs for only a fraction of the 48 seminarians who will graduate in May.

So after spending years studying theo-logy, Greek, and Latin, Mr. Holle is now cramming for a backup career in public relations. "At least in public relations you are working with people," he said or more than 11 percent of the work glumly, as he stirred a cup of tea in his force, unemployed, and thus paying oo

revenues. Uoder an unusual century-old system, religious institutions in Germany get almost all their revenue from a

Here in the state of Hesse, the Protestant hierarchy cut \$40 million from its

tensive support for kindergartens and cut

Unemployment Protest

PARIS -- Angry militants widened

protests against unemployment in France

on Tuesday and won support from another

member of the cahinet of Prime Minister

offices, bringing to 23 the number of social-

for increased aid, the unemployment agency

Assedic said. The protesters are demanding a "Christmas bonus" of 3,000 francs (\$500)

that the government was divided over the

protests after several Socialist deputies de-

The police have ejected protesters from

clared their sympathy for the protesters.

and higher welfare payments.

Demonstrators occupied six more welfare

Spreads in France

income tax of every registered Roman \$500 million hudget in 1997 and for each the number of religion teachers it sends Catholic, Protestant and Jew.

Taxpayers are asked to declare their religion on their income tax returns, and churchgoers are pressed to register their religion with the government. Those who are oot members of the religions covered by the tax do not pay it, nor do any better." said Bishop Peter Steinackthose who have taken the bureaucratic step of revoking their registration. in the Church taxes totaled about \$11 hillion Nassau

in 1996, almost as much as the "sin tax" on cigarettes. Germany uses the religioo taxes for the salaries of priests and rabbis, the construction of churches, and a broad array of church-run social programs, from day-care centers and kindergartens to drug-counseling clinics and hospitals. But oow the church-state partnership

is cracking. With 4.3 millioo Germans,

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of the oext five years. In Saxony, in Eastern Germany, the Protestant churches are gearing up to sell or rent as many as 200 empty church buildings.

'As long as unemployment stays high, the financial situation will not get er, who oversees the Protestant churches in the West German region of Hesse-Germany's church tax supports three

main religious groups: the Evangelical Churches, an umhrella organization of Protestants that oversees the Lutheran, Reform, and United Protestant branches; Roman Catholicism, and Judaism, Protestants, most of them Lutherans, account for 45 percent of the German population, with Roman Catholics at 37 percent. Jews represent only a small percentage.

In early November, Protestant leaders sparsely furnished apartment.

Mr. Holle's problem stems not from a crisis of faith, but rather a crisis in tax.

Orce, unemployed, and thus paying of in Heavy November, Protestant leaders taxes, church revenue fell about 4 permission.

In Hesse announced plans to cut 25 percent in 1996. It may have plunged as percent of spending on 19 programs, much as 10 percent in 1997. That would incloding psychological counseling and represent a combined drop in revenues adult education. Pastors will be sent into for all religions of more than \$1 hillion. retirement as soon as they turn 60. The

to public schools. Over the next five years, church lead-

ers in Hesse seek substantial cuts in the ranks of local pastors. Their onmbers have kept pace through the years with the growing wealth of both Germany and its churches, swelling to about 1,800, from about 1,200 in 1970. Church officials say they want to reduce that oum-

ber, probably by several hundred.
"We have tried to avoid unemployment among ministers," Bishop Steinacker said, "but there were simply too many. We couldn't anticipate the development of the economy.

Mr. Holle and many of his classmates were shocked by the oews. Most of them have spent at least eight years preparing for the ministry -at a cost to the church of more than \$100,000 per person.

"They say that our training should make us good for many kinds of work," said Frank Albrecht, ooe of Mr. Holle's classmates. "Bot we are competing with all kinds of graduates in the arts and humanities, and we have a disadvantage: We're older than most of them."

Many of the seminarians are hunting

Steinacker said. closely with their churches and dig more **Kohl Ally Holds Course**

for jobs in other parts of the country.
Horst Frank, another classmate of Mr.
Holle's, is looking in Austria. "The lection plate as tasteless.

Free Democrats' Leader Calls for Party Unity

STUTTGART, Germany - The leader of the Free Democrats, one of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalitioo partners, called oo the party Tuesday to unite to ensure its political survival.

problem," Mr. Holle said, "is that the

kinds of work we are most suited for,

such as teaching or social work, are just

as difficult to find as being a minister."

relied oo direct contributions from pa-

rishioners, people would identify more

Mr. Holle contends that if churches

The party chairman, Wolfgang Gerhardt, told delegates at a party coogress here that he would stick to his prescription of economic deregulation and tax cuts as he focused on the battle to cut unemployment in Germany, which is at a postwar high of 11.8 percent.

"Reducing unemployment is a central aim of liberal policy," he said. "We will only create momentum if we offer clear incentives to invest in Germany through fewer taxes and social charges."

Dissent within the small party — the traditional kingmaker of German politics that has been part of every government since 1969 — grew loud in the weeks before the annual congress. Prominent figures from the left wing of the party had said that the leadership was harming

ters such as education and civil rights. The party's difficulties have caused coocem among the other members of Mr. Kohl's alliance as they look forward

High-ranking Protestant officials have begun talking openly about the need to reduce their dependence on the

tax system. They are also trying to improve the image of the church. "I prefer

to describe this as a time of fundameotal

change, rather than a crisis," Bishop

to four state elections this year as well as a general election in September, in which Mr. Kohl is seeking a fifth term. Opinion polls show that sopport for the Free Democratic Party is hovering dangerously close to the 5 percent level that a party must obtain to be represented in Parliament.

"From today ooward, the FDP must show confidence in its stance, clarity in its aims, conviction to its causes and a willingness to fight — against our op-ponents and not against ourselves," Mr. Gerhardt said. "The most incorrect thing the FDP could do oow would be to depart from the path we've started out oo.

Mr. Gerhardt's rejection of a shift to the left brought an expression of relief from Mr. Kohl's Chrisoan Democrats. "The FDP chairman has made clear that the FDP remains a reliable coalition partthe party's election chances by focusing on economic issues while ignoring mat-

Aleksovski is regarded by prosecutors as a small cog in a moch larger Bosnian Croat terror ma-

United Nations prosecutor said

oners too badly.

beaten and killed. Mr. Aleksovski, 37, has pleaded counts charging that inmates in the Kaonik prisoo he commanded from January 1993 to May 1993 "subjected by prison go were regularly beaten and killed, and that others prisoners were forced to dig frontline trenches or on their human dignity."

The trial is expected to include testimony from dozens of witthe prison, oear the central Bosnian

Although prosecutors acknowledge that Mr. Aleksovski did sometimes try to care for his prisoners, he more often did not and was fully aware that inmates were

BLAIR: Good Prospects on Ties With EU

Continued from Page 1

rency, and he pledged last month to devote the EU presidency to getting the euro off to a good start. That means steering a succession of meetings that will culminate on May 1-3, when EU leaders are expected to select all EU countries except saw a familiar hesitation in Mr. Blair's Britain, Denmark, Sweden and Greece to launch the currency.

Many analysts say they believe Mr. Blair is well placed to succeed. J. Paul Home, an economist at Salomon Smith Barney in Paris, said Britain's pragmatic tradition and its nonparticipant status should help it resolve any wrangles among euro countries such as the presidency of the European Central Bank, which France is cootesting. "The Brit-ish bring a different culture toward European affairs which is absolutely needed," he said.

A successful presidency also could ease Britain's eventual transicoo into the euro zone by improving public support for the Union at home and increasing Mr. Blair's bargaining power in Europe over the terms of British entry, said Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International

A majority of Britons continues to oppose the euro and remains suspicious of the Union's growing influence over domestic affairs, but signs abound that opinioo is softening.

In a political boon for Mr. Blair, 12 prominent Conservatives including former Prime Minister Edward Heath. two former foreign secretaries and a former chancellor of the Exchequer, defied the party's anti-curo leadership Monday and urged the government to work for a smooth launch of the currency and prepare Britain for entry. Meanwhile, a recent survey by the MORI polling organization found that 30 percent of Briions would vote for the euro in a referendum, up from 22 percent a year ago.

Banks and brokers in the City of London financial district, who will have to deal in euro from 1999 regardless of the government's stance, are expected to come out squarely in favor of partic-

agency that promotes the district, said it would award its Freedom of the City

recent move to defer any decision until after Britain's next election, which does not have to be held until 2002. The government will base its decisioo solely on economic criteria, suggesting that Mr. Blair is uncomfortable with the essential political nature of monetary union as a vehicle for deeper integration.

"He shares one thing with the Tories," said Jonathan Eyal, a director of the Royal United Services Insorute, a London think tank. "Europe is never important enough to sacrifice one vote at home."

Peter Sutherland, chairman of Goldman Sachs International and a former EU commissioner, said Mr. Blair's ability to lead in Europe would depend on his will-

ingness to accept "a greater pooling of sovereignty" with his EU partners.

The euro aside, many Europeans are looking to Britain's presidency for leadership on issues like enlargement and employment Mr. Cook will open membership talks with Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Slovenia and Cyprus in March. While the talks are expected to take years, the British presidency will play a key role in proposing bold reforms of the Union's huge development and farm budgets, which must be cut to make way for new members.

Mr. Blair also intends to use the presidency, and Britain's concurrent lead-ership of the Group of Eight countries, to push for more flexible labor laws and the targeting of government assistance on education and training. While sharp differences persist, particularly with France on jobs strategy, officials on both sides of the Channel agree that Mr. Blair's more cooperative approach toward Europe should make it easier to find consensus.

"It's recognized all over the EU that come out squarely in favor of participation. An early sign came last week when the Corporation of London, the constructive, trying to be positive, trying to be participative, 's said Doug Henderson, minister for European affairs.

kept their distance from the occupied premises. (Reuters) 'Loyalists' in Belfast

Gloomy After Talks

BELFAST — Pro-British politicians in Northern Ireland said Tuesday that they wanted urgent talks with an outlawed Protestant militia and the British government to shore up an increasingly fragile guerrilla truce in the province.

Leaders of the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wing of two "loyalist" terrorist groups, were downbeat when they emerged from three hours of talks with jailed guerrillas aimed at persuading them to drop their

opposition to the peace process.
"It didn't go well," said John White, a leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, after meeting loyalist inmates at the Maze prison. "We were unable to convince the prisoners to give us their support to participate in the

guerrilla murders over the weekend angered jailed members of the UFF and the UDA, who dropped their support for the multiparty talks aimed at ending decades of sectarian strife over British rule. offices, bringing to 23 the number of social-service centers they have taken over to press A Yeltsin Appearance

The party represents the Ulster Freedom

Fighters and the Ulster Defense Association,

which called a cease-fire three years ago

after killing hundreds of Irish nationalists in

a war with the Irish Republican Army. Three

On Russian Television

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin The movement exposed further splits in Mr. Jospin's left-wing government. Marie-George Buffet, the Communist minister for youth and sports, defended the protests as appeared on television Tuesday to deliver a brief speech oo the Russian Orthodox Christmas, but it was not clear when the broadcast was recorded. Looking stiff and 'completely legitimate.''

Bot Daniel Vaillant, Mr. Jospin's minulated the Orthodox Church leadership and ister for relations with Parliament, denied all Russians on the holiday.

The president's press service had announced earlier that a mid-mooth trip to India had been postponed and, more unusually, Interfax news agency reported that he would receive no visitors before retwo welfare offices, but have otherwise turning to work Jan. 19. The president has not been seen in public

since Dec. 31, when he delivered a New Year's address to the nation. (Reuters)

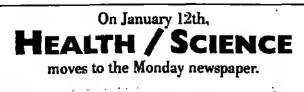
Turk Secularist Vow

ANKARA — The Turkish jndge over-seeing an attempt to ban the main op-position Islamic party here vowed Tuesday that his court would uphold the country's official secularist ideology.

"The constitutional court will continue its dudes without giving concessions on the state principles of Ataturk, nationalism, democracy and secularism," Judge Ahmet Needet Sezer said after being chosen as the court's new chairman.

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk founded the Turkish Republic in 1923 from the ashes of the Ottoman Empire.

Judge Sezer will oversee the final phase of a case against the Islamic-based Welfare Party, which the state is trying to dissolve for its alleged anti-secularism. (Reuters)





Croat Prison Chief Faces War-Crimes Prosecutor The Associated Press THE HAGUE — Two acts of

mercy may actually help convict a Croat of atrocities against Bosnian Moslim inmates at a prison he commanded in early 1993, a

Zlatko Aleksovski, on trial for war crimes, once refused to send Muslim prisoners to the front lines to dig battle trenches. Another time he told guards "not to beat pris-

But Yugoslav war-crimes tribunal prosecutors say both ges-tures also underline Mr. Aleksovski's position of power, a position they contend he often abused by letting captives be

were deployed as human shields. He faces a maximum life sentence

town of Busovaca. Although Mr. chine, Grant Niemann, a prosecutor, urged judges not to forger the Muslims who were subjected to Mr. Aleksovski's brutal regime.

'We ask you not to lose sight of the suffering that has been inflicted opon the innocent victims of this crime," Mr. Niemann said. Mr. Aleksovski held hundreds of

Muslim civilians as Bosnian Crost forces backed by Croatia unleashed a wave of terror and killing in the central Bosnian Lasva River Valley aimed at ridding the region of all Muslims, Mr. Niemann said.

Mr. Aleksovski does not deny having been the camp's commandnot guilty to three war crimes ant but is expected to argue he did all he could to improve conditions. Mr. Niemann said inmates were "subjected by prison guards" and the Bosnian Croat militia "to treatment which amounted to an outrage

oesses, among them survivors of being mistreated, they say.

Same-Sex Couple's Marriage Makes Dutch Legal History

AMSTERDAM — Two homosexual pensioners made Dutch legal history when they became the first same-sex couple to many, gay rights campaigners said Tuesday. The men, who lived together as a couple for several decades, married

Monday under new laws effective Jan. I that extend full marriage rights except joint adoption to same-sex couples. Their identity is being kept secret because one of the partners is terminally ill in a hospital, said Henk Krol, a gay rights spokesman.

"Obviously we welcome this first homosexual marriage, but it is very sad it had to happen under such circumstances," he said The men anticipated the legislation by giving official notice of their intended marriage to their local anthority in mid-December. It was accepted by the public prosecutor in view of the circumstances, Mr. Krol said.

In the Netherlands such notice is required at least two weeks before the

civil ceremony, and the first same-sex couple - two leshians from Amsterdam — had been slated to tie the knot Jan. 14.

"This first marriage clearly shows that for the gay community it's not the white wedding hit that counts, but the rights that come with it," Mr.

Officially known as a "registration of partnership," the new arrangement incorporates all the rights adhering to the traditional civil marriage, barring joint adoptioo. One partner may adopt singly, however, while the other can apply to become the child's guardian. But moves are being planned to remove this obstacle to joint adoption.

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Ski Crash Kills Sonny Bono, Singer Turned Congressman

half of the Sonny and Cher duo who half of the Sonny and Cher duo who moved on to City Hall and then Congress the resort with his wife, Mary Whitaker, whom he married in 1964, that things did an attempt to revive their partnership as a Republican representative from and their two children, 6-year-old Chi-California, was killed when he skied into anna and 9-year-old Chesare.

a tree. He was 62 years old. reported missing two hours before his his family when he was 7 and turned to Nevada-California state line, some 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of Reno.

His death came less than a week after Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Robert Kennedy, was killed in a similar accident in Aspen, Col-

A Bono spokesman, Frank Cullen Jr.,

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, California Cher's Former Partner, 62, Hits Tree Off Main Trail at Western Resort

Born in Detroit on Feb. 16, 1935, Mr. Bono, an avid skier, had been Salvatore Bono moved to California with record companies to drop off songs.

As a songwriter and singer, he worked with Phil Spector and the Right-eous Brothers. His first hit as a writer was "Needles and Pins," which he wrote with Jack Nitzsche. It became a top 20 single for the Searchers in 1971 to 1974.

After they

But it was with Cherilyn Sarkisian, their solo television efforts lagged, as took off. That same year their song "Baby Don't Go" got Sonny and Cher a contract with Atco-Atlantic.

Their first hit, "I Got You, Babe," went to No. 1 on the Billboard charts in body was found Monday evening off a songwriting after high school. He drove a August 1965. "Baby Don't Go" was main trail at Heavenly Ski Resort on the meat delivery truck, squeezing in trips to rereleased and got to the top 20, and other hits followed - "The Beat Goes On," "It's the Little Things," "It's a Beantiful Story" and "Laugh at Me."
Sonny and Cher turned to television,

with a hit variety show, "The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour," on CBS from

After they were divorced in 1974,

with a new television show in 1976. Mr. Bono all but dropped out of show business, other than a few guest spot on such shows as "Fantasy Island" and "The Love Boat." Instead he went into the restaurant business in Palm Springs. California.

Angry at City Hall bureaucrats for stopping his building plans at his Italian restaurant, he plunged into politics. He was elected mayor of the resort town in 1988 and served until 1992. He claimed responsibility for erasing a \$2.5 million deficit without raising taxes and for starting a film festival.

He ran for the Senate in 1992, finishing a weak third in the Republican primary - and again became the butt of

But in 1994, Mr. Bono won the Republican primary easily in California's 44th District and rode the Republican tide with 56 percent of the votes to go to Congress. He won re-election in 1996.

"The last thing in the world I thought I would be is a U.S. congressman, given all the bobcat vesis and Eskimo boots I used to wear," Mr. Bono said in an appearance at the Washington Press Club Foundation dinner shortly after he took office in January 1995.

His speaking skills made him the second-most requested attraction at House members' events during the 1996

Georgi Sviridov Dies; Pride of Russian Music'

MOSCOW — Georgi Sviridov, 82, one of the most prominent Russian composers this century, died Monday night

Chernomyrdin was quoted as saying hy Interfax news agency. "Undouhtedly he was one of the greatest composers of the 20th century, a truly Russian musician who made an invaluable contribution to the treasury of domestic and world cul-

phonic music, mainly inspired by Russian classical literature and poetry.

He was a disciple of one of Russia's most famous composers, Dmitri Sbostakovich, who once called Mr. Sviridov his most talented pupil and his works 'the pride of Russian music."

television news program.

Billie Dove, 97, Silent Film Star NEW YORK (NYT) - Billie Dove. 97, a star of silent films, died Dec. 31 in Los Angeles.

played a leading role in dozens of silent films and also had a brief Hollywood career in the early days of sound

Often she was cast as a damsel in distress, confidently awaiting rescue at the last minnte by actors like Donglas Fairbanks, with whom she starred in "The Black Pirate" in 1926. After playing the title role in "American Beauty" in 1927, she was billed as The American

Rathbone to Eddie Cantor and Clara Bow, Miss Dove acted in a broad range of films: costume epics, war movies, westerns, romantic comedies.

eral other victims have identified them

Francisco (Soc) Rodrigo, 83, who was jailed three times for his opposition to the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, died Sunday. The Philippine Star newspaper, for which be wrote a column from 1986 until shortly before his death, said he died of complications from pneumonia.

Mr. Rodrigo served in the Philippine Senate from 1955 to 1967 and was an arch critic of Mr. Marcos. He was among the first of Mr. Marcos's opponents jailed in a maximum security cell at army beadquarters when martial law was declared in 1972.

Raymond-Leopold Bruckberger, 90, a Swiss priest and writer who served as the chaplain of the French Resistance during World War II, died Sunday near Fribourg, Switzerland. The anthor of countless essays and several books, be was also known as a rebel within the Roman Catholic Church, criticizing the Vatican's reforms and championing the

of a heart attack, doctors said Tuesday. "I deeply regret that Georgi Sviridov has died," Prime Minister Viktor

Mr. Sviridov wrote choral and sym-

Mr. Sviridov's "Time - Forward March!" was for many years the signature theme of the Soviet-era Vremya

A former Ziegfeld Follies dancer, she

Playing opposite everyone from Basil

Francisco Rodrigo, 83, Senator

MANILA (AP) — Former Senator

use of Latin in church ceremonies. (AP)

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Oil-for-Food Plan Gets UN Approval

UNITED NATIONS, New York - The United Nations has approved a new food distribution plan in Iraq, opening the way for a re-sumption of limited Iraqi oil sales, a

UN spokesman said Tuesday.
The oil-for-food deal allows Baghdad to sell about \$2 billion worth of oil every six months to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies to ease the effects of sanctions in force since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

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The program, which took effect in December 1996, was renewed by the Security Council on Dec. 4 for a third six-month period. But Iraq suspended oil exports to protest delays in receiving supplies bought with the proceeds, accusing the United States of holding up the approval of contracts in the UN sanctions committee.

tions committee.

Baghdad said it would resume selling oil only after the United Nations had approved its new food distribution plan.

A Defiant Kaunda

LUSAKA, Zambia - Zambia's former president, Kenneth Kaunda, said Tuesday he would not be silenced by a "stupid law" barring him from politics.

He told supporters in a Lusaka court where he is challenging his

court, where he is challenging his house arrest under state-of-emergency laws, that he would continue to defy restrictions imposed by President Frederick Chiluba last week, which include barring him from talking to news organizations.

"They can't silence me. They are too small," he told about 30 supporters in the courtroom before his hearing began, "I am going to dis-obey this stupid law."

Armed police tried to control about 200 noisy demonstrators outside the high court as lawyers argued with state prosecutors over amendments to their application for Mr. Kaunda's release. Witnesses said the police beat at least one of the protesters.

Mr. Kaunda, 73, was arrested on Dec. 25, The government alleged that be was involved in a failed coup attempt in October while he was out of the country. He denies the ac-

For the Record

• Some of the 300 deaths in the epidemic that has swept northeastern Kenya were caused by the Rift Valley fever virus, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

But the UN agency said the virus, detected at the National Institute of Virology in South Africa on the basis of cultures taken from three victims, may not be the only cause of the deaths.

First isolated in livestock on a Rift Valley farm during a disease outhreak in 1931, the virus is spread by mosquitoes and causes spontaneous abortions in ewes and cows and deaths in lambs and calves.

Humans can be infected by contact with blood or body fluids from infected animals.

· A search team in the mountains of western Canada recovered some of the bodies of skiers killed in one of several avalanches last weekend before poor weather halled operations Monday. Three avalanches Friday and Sat-

urday in the South Columbia range of southeastern British Columbia buried back-country skiers and snowmobilers.

Searchers on Monday retrieved the bodies of four skiers out of a group of six buried in snnw in Kokanee Glacier Park, north of Nelson, British Columbia. (Reuters)

Clinton Envoy **Seeks Promise** By Netanyahu On a Pullback

The Associated Press IERUSALEM — The U.S. Middle East envoy on Tuesday sought both a promise from Israel to withdraw troops from a large part of the West Bank and a pledge from the Palestinians to fight islamic militants.

The envoy, Dennis Ross, is laying the groundwork for President Bill Clinton's meetings with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel on Jan. 20 and Yasser

Arafat, the Palestinian leader, on Jan. 22.

"These visits are not isolated events," Mr. Netanyahu said at the start of his meeting with Mr. Ross. "They are part of a chain of activities the U.S., along with Israel and the Palestinian Authority, seek in advancing the peace

The United States is reported to expect Mr. Netanyahu to present Mr. Clinton with concrete plans for a pullout, adding at least 10 percent of the West Bank to the 27 percent where Palestinians now have antonomy.

But Mr. Netanyahu could be hobbled hy his enormous political problems.
Foreign Minister David Levy, the

cabinet's leading supporter of peace, resigned Sunday and Mr. Netanyahu's fractious coalition, which includes both opponents and proponents of peace, now rests on a minimal majority of 61 out of

confiscate illegal weapons and reduce their security force.

The adviser, David Bar-Illan, said the cabinet would decide on the scope of the pullback in the next two weeks.

Three pullbacks are called for in accords between Israel and the Palestinians. Mr. Netanyahu reluctantly embraced the undertaking last January, when he withdrew from most of Hebron and committed his government to carry out the West Bank withdrawals by mid-1998. Mr. Ross will also try to get a sense of how much Mr. Netanyahu is being con-

it comes to deciding on a pullback. The American envoy scheduled a meeting with Mr. Arafat in the West Bank town of Bethlehem. The chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erekat, said that Mr. Arafat would insist that Israel go ahead with the troop pullback as promised.

strained by the latest cabinet crisis when

"We also want a guarantee that the Israeli prime minister will not use the resignation of David Levy" to appease hard-liners, Mr. Erekat said.

Mr. Netanyahu's rightist flank appears strengthened in the short term by Mr. Levy's resignation, which took effect Tuesday. The post was assumed by Mr. Netanyahu.
Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy of

the hard-line National Religious Party said his 10-seat faction would stop supporting the government if Mr. Netanyahn offered the Palestinians "a doubledigit pullout."

Police Minister Avigdor Kahalani, on the other hand, warned that his four-seat Third Way Party would end it support if Mr. Netanyahu did not carry out a significant pullback.

Either defection would bring down

Palestinians Lodge Protest With CBS

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Protesting a report that appeared on the news program *60 Minutes" a month ago, the Palestinian Authority told CBS News on Monday that CBS would "no longer be given unrestricted access to either our officials of government or the territories under

The announcement was made by Bassam Abu Sharif, special adviser to Yasser Arafat, in a two-page letter sent to Don Hewitt, executive producer of "60 Minutes," and in a brief press release. Precisely what restriction the Pales-

tinian Authority might impose on CBS was unclear. A spokeswoman for CBS News, Sandy Genelius, said its executives had received the letter and were "exploring the issues with the Palestinians and Mr.

Abu Sharif." In his letter, Mr. Abu Sharif said ''60 Minutes" producers had failed to follow up information provided by the Palestinian Authority about the supposed complicity of Israeli officials in monopolies controlling the sale of certain goods in parts of the West Bank under Palestinian control.

Mexico Judge Frees 5 Tied to U.S. Death "Judges are obliged to respect the law," she said. "I know judges' decisions don't leave everyone satisfied." Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, the capital's first By Mary Beth Sheridan

EASTERN CHRISTMAS - A Palestinian boy in a Santa outfit riding on a Christian Arab's shoulders

during a procession Tuesday in Bethlehem. The Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates Christ's birth Jan. 6.

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — in a roung man.

Mr. Netanyahu's senior adviser said stunned U.S. officials, a local judge has freed a man who reportedly admitted to prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was prepared to go ahead with a troop pull-hard businessman here. The judge called the accused a here with the prime minister was provided to the prime and the prime minister was provided to the prime minister w MEXICO CITY - In a roling that

money to give to others.

The decision, which also freed four other suspects, also outraged Mexican officials, who are under pressure to respond to a dramatic crime wave in the capital that appears to be claiming more American victims. Diplomats and analysts have warned that crime in Mexico is becoming so severe that it could discourage foreign investment and even threaten Mexico's emerging democracy.
The Dec. 15 slaying of Peter John

Zarate, an American real-estate executive, had prompted the U.S. government to upgrade its warning about crime issued to U.S. visitors. The killing occurred at about the time two other American businessmen were kidnapped and beld for several days -- one in Tijuana, one in Acapulco. U.S. Embassy officials in Mexico City

said in a statement that the release of the men was "deeply disturbing to us." They added that they were seeking an official explanation of the judge's action. Mr. Zarate, 40, a broker with the New

York-based real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield, was traveling in a taxi last month when the vehicle was intercepted by a rogue cab. Two men then boarded his taxi, tried to rob him and fatally shot

opposition mayor, responded with a vow to protect visitors to the city. Five suspects were arrested Dec. 30. They con-

cording to prosecutors, the judge de-scribed the accused gumman as "a modern Robin Hood who doesn't only rob and distribute what he obtains in the robbery, but also gives all the money to his sidekicks without any profit for himself." She said that the five suspects' confes- as their attackers, Mr. Carranca said. sions differed so much that their guilt was Five other investigations have been

launched into their acts, he said. U.S. Envoy to Mexico Is Picked

By Al Kamen Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration, after months of searching and internal wrangling, has apparently picked the veteran diplomat Jeffrey Davidow, assistant secretary of state for Latin America, to be ambassador to Mexico, according to senior adminis-

tration officials. Mr. Davidow, who has been ambassador to Venezuela and before that to Zambia, should easily obtain Senate confirmation, officials said. They noted that he was confirmed for his current job in 1996.

Sources said an "action memo" with him when be resisted, prosecutors said. Mr. Davidow's name on it had been sent The case caused a furor, and to President Bill Clinton and was await-

ing his approval so the critical ambas-sadorship could be filled. The post has been vacant since former Representative Jim Jones of Oklahoma left in June.

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going to be exactly the same," he said.

Since the arrest of the suspects, sev-

Mr. Clinton's first choice was William Weld, the former governor of Massachusetts, whose nomination was announced in July 1997. Though a fellow Republican, Mr.

Weld was strongly opposed by Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Helms blocked a Senate vote by refusing to bold a committee hearing on the nomination.

If he is nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate, Mr. Davidow, would be arriving in Mexico to confront an increasingly volatile political situation and the possibility of renewed violence.



A boy peeking through a phalanx of armed men in Daira de Ramika.

\$50 Million Home Sale Sets U.S. Record

Los Augeles Times price ever paid for a private home in the United States was recorded this week in Nevada with the \$50 million sale of Trunderhird Lodge, the largest private estate at Lake Tahoe, which straddles the Nevada-California bor-

der in the Sierra Nevada mountains. The previous U.S. record was \$47.5 million; paid by the multimedia mogul David Geffen for the Jack Warner estate in Beverly Hills in 1990.

most expensive home sale took place LOS ANGELES - The highest in May when a prominent Hong Kong family sold its property on Victoria Peak for \$94.17 million. The Tahoe property was sold by Jack Dreyfus, 84, founder of the Drey-

fus Fund and a Wall Street brokerage. to the Del Webb Corp., the developer of the Sun City communities. Del Webb intends to exchange the land with the federal Bureau of Land Management for property in the southwest corner of the Las Vegas Valley as a site What is thought to be the world's for a third Sun City development.

ALGERIA: Regime Angrily Rejects Offers of International Aid

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Only de Gaulle, the hero of the World War II Resistance, was able to head them off, hy taking power and proclaiming the Fifth Republic in 1958. But four years later, he bowed to the inevitable, and Algeria won its independence.

Nearly 2 million pieds noirs, descendants of French settlers in Algeria, fled rity." to France, as did about 700,000 Algerians who worked for them.

Today there are about 5 million

Muslims in France, most of them from North Africa. They are relegated to ugly cities, angry pockets of poverty where members of the fundamentalist Armed Islamic Group --- thought to be responsible for some of the worst violence in Algeria — recruited disillusioned youths in 1995 and 1996.

The authorities contend that the group terrorized the nation in those years with bomhings of suhway stations that killed a dozen people and wounded hundreds, with the aim of pressuring Paris to cut off relations with the Algerian regime.

Paris Metro today because of those bombings, but the killings in Algeria have only escalated.

The French government's statement

fundamentalists: "The French authorities, in the most absolute manner, condemn these terrorist crimes, which can have no justification, especially a re-

ligious one," the statement said. "They recall the legitimate right of the Algerian population to be protected. its citizens to live in peace and secu-

Calling on President Liamine Zeronal to continue political changes that produced multiparty legislative elections last year, even though the outlawed Islamic parties remained banned, the stateprocess should lead rapidly to anthentic democratization that would allow the integration into political life of all forces ernment ever since, and thousands of desiring to put an end to the violence and people have been killed.

participating in the reconstruction of a peaceful Algeria." The Algerian authorities, who have rebuffed all attempts to negotiate a reconciliation with the Islamic movement,

reacted with indignation. "The French authorities have no right The duty of any government is to allow to remind the Algerian government of its duties, and it is out of place that they suggest solutions while Algeria is carrying out its own approach to end the crisis," the

Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. Six years ago, the Islamic Salvation Front, seeking to create a state based on Islamic law, was on the brink of winning urban slums surrounding Paris and other ment continued. "It is essential that this democratic elections when the government canceled the final round of voting. Guerrillas have been fighting the gov-

MASSACRES: Surge Reported in Algeria

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sacres have taken place within sight of military barracks. French anti-riot police still patrol the

Algerians have learned to dread Ramadan, a time of peace and piety for most Muslims, who demonstrate their fealty through fasting and prayer. In past years, military operations to flush militaris

foreign minister. Erik Derycke, said year is proving to be no exception. Every Ramadan is like this in Algeria," said an Algerian academic who "acts of barbaric savagery," but care- war, "because in the history of Islam all fully avoided pinning them on Islamic the conquests happened in Ramadan."

But the militants appear to have changed their tactics in recent weeks. Until now, they have concentrated their activity on the fertile farm belt south of the capital. But after several particularly shocking massacres in August and September, the government stepped up "I'd like to see the first country that will send its military there," the Belgian during Ramadan, and the holy month this during Ramadan, and the holy month this Many of the latest attacks have oc-

had been relatively calm. While the shift suggests that the mil-Monday condemned the massacres of 412 people at the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan last week as holy month of Ramadan last week as men around the country with relative ease, analysts said.

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Let's Look at the System

"The prevailing system of inter-national lending is fundamentally flawed." Those are not the words of left-wing or right-wing critics of the International Monetary Fund — of whom there are plenty these days, in the U.S. Congress and elsewhere but of the financier George Soros, who understands the system at least well enough to have made billions from it. In an article he published in the Financial Times last week, Mr. Soros argues for radical reform of a system in place since World War II.

The proximate cause of his proposal is the financial crisis sweeping through East and Southeast Asia, which, despite the best efforts of the IMF and other international firemen, shows

little sign of abating.
The point here is not to bash the IMF, a multilateral lending institution that is called in only after conditions already have become desperate. Almost by definition, it faces no easy choices, and failure on its part could lead to a global financial meltdown on a scale that has never been seen. So any criticisms should be lodged with a sober understanding of the potential calamities that have thus far been avoided, both this time around and in previous crises involving Latin America.

Yet what has taken place thus far is sobering enough, and certainly should stimulate a vigorous, open debate about what works and does not work in the current setup - both in terms of resolving crises and, even more, in terms of avoiding them. Start, in Asia's case, with how private banks happily flooded Asia with loans right up to the moment trouble began to appear.

Figures released on Monday by the Swiss-based Bank for International Settlements show that U.S., French and other bank lending surged to South Korea, Thailand, Indonesia and other nations now being described as pitiful cases with hopeless financial institutions. What were the banks' research departments saying six months ago? Nor did the IMF, or ratings agencies such as Moody's and Standard & Poor's, provide any warnings; all were issuing glowing report cards right up until the last. These statistics provide some underpinning to Mr. Soros's warning: "The private sector is illsuited to allocate international credit. It provides either too little or ton much."

Did the banks rush in partly because

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu easily survived a budget vote on Mon-

day and predicted that his government

could stay in power through the year

2000. But the resignation of Foreign

Minister David Levy on Sunday was a

damaging blow, to Mr. Netanyahu and to American peace diplomacy. With the

loss of Mr. Levy, the Israeli cabinet's

leading dove, and the five parliamen-

tary votes he controls, Mr. Netanyahu's

margin for political survival has be-

come even more precarious, and more

dependent on right-wing and religious

parties, than it has been for the past 19

crisis-prone months.

The immediate question is whether

Mr. Netanyahu can win cabinet ap-

proval for a new West Bank with-

drawal plan before he meets with Pres-

ident Bill Clinton in Washington on

Jan. 20. The new plan, already overdue

under the Oslo peace agreements, should significantly increase the 27

percent of West Bank territory now

under full or partial Palestinian con-

trol. If the current ruling coalition can-

not accept such a step, early elections

may be the best course for Israel. Mr.

Netanyahu may be tempted to call

them himself if he thinks he can cap-

italize on the negotiating impasse with

the Palestinians to broaden his par-

liamentary majority.

Mr. Levy resigned over alleged shabby treatment of his Moroccan Jew-

ish constituents in Israel's new budget.

But he had been pushed to the brink by what he considered Mr. Netanyahu's

inadequate response 10 American pleas

for a big enough West Bank withdrawal

anyahu now comes up with must sur-

vive scrutiny by a cabinet even less inclined to compromise than the one that nearly blocked Israel's troop with-

drawal in the West Bank city of

Hebron last year. Mr. Netanyahn must

show leadership in the face of this

month, followed two days later by a

His session with Mr. Clinton this

discouraging cabinet arithmetic.

Whatever withdrawal plan Mr. Net-

to restart the stalled peace talks.

Peace Politics in Israel

they count on official rescue, from the IMF and other taxpayer-funded institutions, if things go wrong? It is impossible to say. But there is no question that the Latin American bailouts ended up burting the borrowers far more than lenders in wealthy countries, and the current Asian bailouts seem to be moving in the same direction. Yes, Koreans themselves should bear the largest burden of restructuring. But it is fair to ask whether the banks that so happily encouraged South Korea's overborrowing should not also pay a price - both for reasons of equity and to encourage

better research in the future. A second major area of contention now is whether the IMF is squeezing the Asian economies too bard as a condition of rescue. Again, no one doubts that financial restructuring will dampen economic growth and cause unemployment. But, unlike past situations that the IMF has faced, these nations were not spending proflig-ately; their problems lie in the private banking sector, not in fiscal deficits. That is why some critics suggest that they should be permitted more leeway in running up budget deficits now to at least soften the coming recessions.

This debate will continue, but it is undeniable that the IMF rescues thus far are not working as hoped - are not restoring private confidence, in other words. In South Korea, the first plan had to be followed by a second. There are encouraging signs, although no certainty, that the second will take, in no small part thanks to the vigorous pro-reform commitments of Presidentelect Kim Dae Jung. In Thailand and Indonesia, currencies continue to sink. On Monday, the Thais asked for a revision of the IMF bailout deal negotiated in August. "The economic slowdown has been greater than an-ticipated," a senior official said.

Mr. Soros has proposed a new institution to regulate international finance. It would guarantee private loans openly - but for a fee, and only after receiving from borrowers the kind of financial data that now are frequently hidden in shadows. Bankers could lend more than this institution was willing to vouchsafe - but truly at their own risk. Other proposals have been, and will be, made. The key is to acknowledge the seriousness of the situation and the need to avoid repetitions.

meeting between Mr. Clinton and Yas-

ser Arafat, will cap a five-month Amer-

ican campaign to renew peace diplo-

macy. After several fruitless attempts

by Secretary of State Madeleine Al-

bright to bring Israeli and Palestinian

positions closer, the administration has

Clinton into the talks. If even pres-

idential intervention fails to elicit a

reasonable Israeli proposal, American relations with the Netanyahu govern-

minister on a platform of peace with security. That elusive combination is

still what most Israelis want. If he

cannot deliver it with his current cab-

inet allies, he should look to the voters to provide him or the rival Labor Party

Other Comment

President Mohammed Khammi has

agreed to be interviewed by Cable News

Network this week, giving him the chance to open what he has termed a "thoughtful dialogue" with "the great people and nation of America." U.S.

policymakers who watch developments

in Iran are eager to see how he might

with the same care once given to pro-

nouncements by Soviet leaders during

The United States should follow up

on any offer or hint of friendlier ties,

but it should keep its expectations in

check, and — recalling the bumiliating failure suffered by the Reagan admin-

istration when it sought to exploit per-

ceived 'mnderate' tendencies within Iran's ruling circles — it should re-

member how little the outside world

really knows about the mysteries, in-

trigues and pitfalls of Iranian politics.

- Los Angeles Times.

the iciest days of the Cold War.

His interview will be scrutinized

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Mr. Netanyahu was elected prime

ment will be further strained.

with a broader political base.

Listening to Khatami

give substance to that idea.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Play the Iran Card and Make Saddam Unhappy

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hus-sein must be feeling pretty cocky right now. Yes, he has learned all the lessons from Gulf War I. Don't make yourself an easy target. Cooperate with UN inspectors just enough so that the United States can't bomb you, but not enough so that they will ever find the germ weapons you are making in your palaces. It is a strategy that has the

White House tied in knots. If Saddam is going to play smart, it is time the United States did, ton - with a strategy that would rattle Saddam's cage and shake up the entire Middle East chessboard. It is a strategy that can be summed up in one word: Iran.

Saddam may not be afraid of America anymore, but he is still terrified of Tehran. Iran fought an eight-year war with Iraq, killed a million Iraqis, and still has not signed a peace treaty. A million Iranians also lost their lives in that war. If you drive around Tehran you will notice that most of the posters are not denouncing the United States but extolling Iran's veterans of the war against Saddam.

Iran is not going to restart that war for America's sake, but any IranianBy Thomas L. Friedman

U.S. rapprochement would seriously unnerve Saddam. It would strengthen Iran economically, tip the balance of power against Iraq and leave Saddam isolated as the only bad boy in the region. Given his own vengeful nature, he would assume that a strengthened Iran would soon come back after him.

If Washington is not going to play military hardball, it should at least play diplomatic hardball. It is time for President Bill Clinton to stop exchanging pleasantries with the moderate new Iranian president, Mohammed Khatami, and open a real dialogue.

I suspect that the United States has already asked Swiss intermediaries to explore with Iran how to open talks. If Washington has not yet done so, it probably will after Mr. Khatami appears on CNN on Wednesday. He asked for the interview so that be could directly address the American people.

Mr. Khatami has called for a thoughtful dialogue" with America, has eased tensions with pro-U.S. Arab regimes, has blocked Syrian efforts to isolate Qatar for hosting an economic conference attended by Israel, and has derailed Iraq's attempt to get the recent Islamic conference in Tehran to call for a lifting of sanctions on Baghdad.

Still, forging a U.S.-Iranian rap-prochement would not be easy. The United States must demand that Iran halt terrorism against Israel, pro-U.S. Arabs and Iranian dissidents, and tone down its opposition to Arab-Israeli peace talks. Iran would demand billions of dollars it says it is owed by the United States for weapons that Iran paid for but were never delivered because of the toppling of the shah in 1979.

Tehran would also demand an easing of U.S. restrictions on investment in Iran, and recognition of Iran's role in any future Gulf security arrangements.

In Washington, Congress would have to give its approval, and on the Iranian side Mr. Khatami would have to overcome supporters of Iran's spiritual guide, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who still thrive on hatred of America.

"The Iranian leadership can't quite make up its mind — they want both rapprochement with the United States and to retain the reputation of the lead-

ing revolutionary Islamic state in the region, 'said Shaul Bakhash, a top Iran expert from George Mason University, They have not come to the realization yet that to get one thing they will have to give up the other.

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But if it could happen, think of the benefits: Saddam would be further isolated, and Syria's President Hafez As-

sad would be, too. Mr. Assad had been hoping to assemble a Syria-Iraq-Iran axis against Turkey and Israel. He used his relationship with an isolated Iran to extort all sorts of goodies from the Arabs and the United States, His favorite line was, "I'll talk to the Iranians for yon, but what's in it for me?"

Well, if the United States and the Gulf Arabs have their own dialogue with Iran, the answer can be 'Nothing." Also, even the slightest diminution of Iranian support for Hamas or Hezbollah would be a huge loss for Syria and a gain for the United States. The Clinton team could even add some spice by giving Israel a green

light to explore its own rapprochement

The New York Times.

How Washington Can Help East Asians Ride the Storm

WASHINGTON — America's president, once the governor of a small state,

presided over an era of great prosperity. But as international events triggered tensions over currencies, debt problems, social disorder and political breakdowns across the ocean, the president relied on bankers in the public service to arrange new loans and reschedulings.

In the absence of presidential leadership, Congress (espe-cially the president's own party) denied global anxieties by retreating to the false bastion of protectionism.

By the time Calvin Conlidge turned over the presidency to his earnest successor, Herbert Hoover, America was ill-prepared for economic sbocks, insensitive to international economic implications and oblivious to the political and security calamities that would follow.

The Clinton administration's response to the financial turmoil in East Asia has been to rely solely on the Treasury's transactions skills for crisis management. The president, who preached both foreign policy as geoeconomics and the importance of Asia, has been strangely silent about the larger implications of recent events.

He bas not explained his strategy for guiding the future. And the secretary of state, who anted to teach the public why the course on Asian political

By Robert B. Zoellick

a picture of U.S. policy that contrasts sharply with the administration's patchy collage. The Democrats in the House already have blocked the president's anthority to negotiate more open trade, hardly an encouraging sign for other countries buffeted by globalization, and the pres-ident still has not indicated

whether he will try again. Some congressional Republicans are grumbling about an-thorizing billions of dollars more for the IMF and the Treasury to use in foreign bailouts. Democrats and Republicans alike will respond to political fears as Asian imports pour in and America's trade deficit

surges to new levels. The president needs to move quickly to shape events in East Asia and, equally important, to frame the debate in Congress and for the public. Bill Clinton should explain what is at stake in East Asia, his strategy, and bow individual U.S. actions fit

In particular, he needs to act, not react, on four problems that could deepen the trouble.

• The United States should tell all Asians that any move to devalue currencies further to make local exports more competitive will trigger another, even more dangerous round of foreign policy matters, has Taiwan appears to have taken taken a leave of absence from such a step for competitive reasons. But eyes are now turning to China, which devalued its Congress has signaled that eurrency in 1994, and which

move to "catch up" with its neighboring competitors.

If China devalues again, in troubling parallel with international economic impulses of the 1930s, there will be a collapse of the fragile Asian financial stability upon which longerterm policies must build.

Rather than wait for events, the United States should organize a regional consensus in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum that all Asians, especially China; should not refuel the currency fires.

• The United States should mobilize Europeans and Asians to press Japan to stimulate growth through domestic demand, especially by cutting taxes. If Japan tries to grow by once again relying on exports, the U.S.-Japanese trade deficit will explode, and struggling East Asian economies will have a harder time selling in Japan for economic reasons and in America for political ones.

· This same U.S.-led coalition should point to Japan's failure to clean up its banks' bad loan problem as a credit stranglehold on the region's growth. If Japan expects to be a regional or even global force for good, its politicians and public must face up to the fact that the region cannot recover as long as ens potential funders, borrowers and buyers.

The United States has a rare opportunity to organize support inside and outside Japan to when it returns it is likely to paint may now be weighing another overwhelm the stubborn resis-

tance of the Ministry of Finance bureaucrats who have re-peatedly held Japan to a narrow course of parochial interest.

• The United States should work closely with China to defase another economic time bomb: the bad debts of China's state-owned enterprises, piling up year after year and now totaling a shocking 25 percent of China's whole economy.

The solution that unties this knot will need to reconnect relared strands: a clean banking system, financing to isolate and eventually retire bad debts, and a program for China's accession to the World Trade Organization that phases in effective competition and fair opportunities for foreign investment.

With these four initiatives. the president could explain to Congress that the IMF and Treasury financial packages support a larger strategy. The Treasury's purpose would not be to bail out private investors, fund IMF policies that throttle growth or threaten American workers with a revived Asian mercantilism. To the contrary, the region-wide restructuring plan should enable the United States to challenge Asian practices that have thwarted American exports and investment.

For that reason, the president should seek again the trade negotiating authority he can use demonstrate America's contipuing commitment to global competition and to open Asian markets in exchange for much less adjustment on the part of

the United States. The president should emphasize that this economic strategy advances and complements America's political and security interests. Asia remains vital economically, in transition politically and uncertain in its security. If the United States leads adroitly, it can transform events to longer-term advantage.

For example, the economic events of 1997 offer the opportunity to open up the politics of countries that have relied on crony capitalism and on leaders who have clong to power.
Today's troubles could com-

pel South Korea to make economic changes that over time will enhance its capabilities to belp reform North Korea's economy. Current conditions might also supply a face-saving basis for the North to approach talks with the South on humanitarian links, military dangers and possible reconciliation.

Finally, now that the region has relearned that large growth figures must be earned, not just assumed in projections, the climate is ripe for China and the United States to focus on their common interests: promoting market reforms in China and

tion in the region, recognizing
America's supportive and stabilizing presence.

If Mr. Clinton opportunist-

ically shapes evenus in East Asia to serve his strategic ends, he can pass on to his successors a strong foundation. If he just waits for the next Asian event, reacts tactically and abdicates the strategic definition to the contending factions in Congress, be will join Mr. Coolidge in the pantheon of passive might-have-beens.

The writer, an undersecretary of state and White House deputy chief of staff in the Bush administration, contributed this to The Washington Post.

Bailout Flaws

TT IS NOT South Korea that pockets the bailout money, but the large multinational fi nancial institutions that get paid back. They presumably lent this money in the expectation of making a profit. Their job was to make sure of the creditworthiness of the people they lent to. They could have insisted that the accounting standards of their customers be cleaned up: They didn't, and lost.

When lenders are burned on bad loans, they become much What happens if there is no

bailout? Unable to get their money, the creditors take possession of the companies that their loans financed and look for a new owner. The new buyers are not necessarily part of the same bankrapt crony system; they are the ones who will pay the highest price. They may be American entrepreneurs or Koreans who have been on the outside in the past.

If the creditors can't get all their money back, they will take the loss and be forced to be much more cautious the next time. In some cases these losses may be quite large, and the regulators of these banks may be forced to take some remedial action (although these same regulators let their wards get overextended in the first place).

This route is far preferable to bailout; both the Sonth Korean and the world economies will be much better off. In South Korea, there will be much more competition and a greater focus on the bottom line.

New credit will flow to the new owners much more easily than it would ever flow to the old deadbeats. All the "conditions" supposedly negotiated by the IMF will be forced on South Korea by the market.

— Lawrence В. Lindsay, а former governor of the

Federal Reserve, commenting responsible security cooperain The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Congo Vagaries PARIS — The Figaro, a propos

of the reports respecting the Marchand Expedition, says that the French colony of the Upper Congo has been organized and is administered in a manner contrary to commonsense. Its colonial editor, M. Jean Hess, says: "Unless the existing system is changed from top to bottom - so long as the vagaries of the old administration are carried on — we shall have at Loango, Brazzaville, Bangui, Tamboura and Fashoda a ruinous possession."

1923: French Protest

PARIS - Thousands of French shopkeepers, artisans and professional men closed shop for two hours yesterday [Jan. 6] to protest the government's new tax program. More than 30,000 Parisians showed their displeasure by crowding into a meeting

at the indoor sports arena, the Velodrome d'Hiver. Thousands more stood in the rain outside and listened to the speeches through amplifiers. Louis De vergne, president of the National Federation of Artisans, summed up his solution for France's ills; saying they required nothing short of "a complete house" cleaning, a clean sweep."

1948: Tzar's Jewels NEW YORK - New York

continues to thrill with the story that the Tzar's jewels, valued at \$4,000,000, are buried in Cypress Hills naval cemetery Brooklyn. The story has been given a tinge of reality by the fact that Federal agents are in vestigating the story and plan a secret bunt for the jewels. Lieu tenant Anthony Bushman, superintendent of the buria grounds, flatly refused to point out the exact spot, however, declaring that orders forbade it.

A Coming Asian Tiger in India? for Simple, Moral, Accountable, Responsive

By James Manor

NEW DELHI—It will be some time before meaningful predictions on the outcome of India's general election in February-March can be attempted. But already it is clear that one

historic decision will be made at the polls. The voters of Andhra Pradesh are being asked to abandon the old politics of lavisb giveaways and instant gratification. The chief minister, Chandrababu Naidu, is calling for short-term sacrifices to turn Andhra Pradesh into an Asian tiger over the next 20 years.

Nothing quite like this has happened before, and the voters' response will significantly influence bow and bow fast India develops over the next generation.

Nearly all Indian parties try to compensate for weak organization by offering handouts and subsidies. Once elected, most politicians spend heavily on these pledges, which pre-vents investment in long-term development. Some leaders have taken hesitant steps to curtail giveaways. They will be watching the outcome in Andhra Pradesh closely.

If Mr. Naidu's party, a constituent of India's governing United Front, increases its share of seats in Parliament in New Delhi, or suffers only minimal losses, it will show that leaders can take a long-term view without paying a heavy price. If be takes a beating, others are likely to cling to their timid, populist ways.

Mr. Naidu's approach would be risky in any

of India's 25 states, but in Andhra Pradesh it is a breathtaking gamble. Under the leadership of his film star father-in-law, Mr. Naidu's regional Telugu Desam Party made lavish giveaways into a theatrical art form. Now after ousting the old man, who then passed away - Mr. Naidu has swung the party round

in a 180-degree change of course. To find the resources for an ambitious longterm development plan, he has raised bus fares and the charges that voters pay for water. He has partially lifted prohibition, which his father-inlaw imposed to appeal to women voters but which cost the government hage liquor tax revenues. He has cut subsidies on electricity

and, surprisingly, on rice, a staple for the poor. His party won the 1995 state election largely on the promise of continuing to subsidize rice

at two rupees (5 U.S. cents) a kilogram. As an alternative to the old politics, Mr. Naidn proposes to deliver enhanced infrastructure, plus basic and high technology. He hopes that this will attract large-scale private investment to generate rapid industrial growth.

His main emphasis is on information technology, which he thinks can provide not just new jobs and wealth but also what he calls SMART governance. The capital letters stand International Herald Tribune,

and Transparent government. He couples this with promises of greater popular participation and visionary leadership.

All this has won Mr. Naidu praise from

World Bank President James Wolfensohn. Fortune magazine, the World Economic Forum in Geneva, Microsoft's Bill Gates and other international business leaders. The World Bank is to lend Andhra Pradesh \$2 billion, or one-third of its total aid allocation for India. The trouble is that Mr. Naidu's target date for tigerhood is the year 2020. Two decades is

an eternity to voters steeped in pork-barrel politics and accustomed to asking politicians "What have you done for me lately?"

What Mr. Naidu has done is to provide a more disciplined, effective administration. He has begun building information infrastructure that disperses and collects ideas through electronic kiosks across the state, which has a population of 72 million. Citizens will soon be able to register their views in "social audits"

on the performance of government programs. The approaching elections are convenient for Mr. Naidu, in that be can test his new approach without risking the fall of his state government. He has a solid majority in the state egislature. Even if be fares badly, be would bave a further two years to change course in the

bope of retaining control of Andhra Pradesh. The election may come too soon. Little time has elapsed for his new initiatives to make much impact. Even if they work out well, it is not clear that voters will prefer this sort of government to the handouts and theatries of the past.

If Mr. Naidu does well, it may owe more to unbridled factionalism in the Congress Party, which is the only serious opposition in his state. But even if that explains the result, it will be seen by other politicians as a green light for greater fiscal discipline and the pursuit of difficult, long-term development plans. About half of India's voters are illiterate, but

they have had enough experience of democracy to deliver discerning verdicts at the polls. They often single out corrupt, ineffective parties and leaders for bumiliating defeats. They have never been asked to make such a

stark choice between short-term largesse, which Mr. Naidu's Congress opponents are loudly offering, and the promise of a developmental surge over the next two decades. Their decision in Andhra Pradesh may be far more important for India's future than the overall national result.

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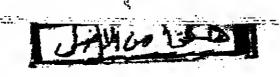
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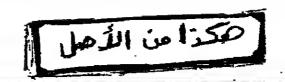
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OPINION/LETTERS

lilam Unhappy Life, Not Politics, Matters in America

WASHINGTON — Americans are happy, really happy. Unfortunately, happiness bothers professional hand-wringers.

wringers is that Americans, according to the Pew Research Center for Politics and the Press, are 'less attentive to the news than at any time in recent years." But is that really so terrible?

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John Adams, America's second president, wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, in 1780: 'I must study politics and war, that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy ... in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary tapears. sons ought to study mathematics ing, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain."

We Americans have reached an era in which we can turn our attention away from politics and war and toward art, in the broadest and best sense of the word, which includes not just porcelain but philanthropy, aesthetics, religion

As the century draws to a close, we seem to be witnessing the death

Americans don't care about the news. But is that so terrible?

of politics and the rise of something else. Call it the art of living.

The changes are stunning, and they begin with economics. You cannot pursue happiness if you are continually threatened with penury. The United States bas now completed the first 15-year stretch in its history with only a shallow recession. Welfare rolls have fallen. Unemployment is a mere 4.6 percent, inflation is under 2 percent. We are on the brink of the first budget surplus since 1969.

Meanwhile, social indicators warrant optimism. Serious crime has dropped by one-third since 1980, Murders in New York City have fallen by two-thirds in five years; in Washington, by 24 percent in 1997 alone. The number of abortions is falling, as is the rate of out-of-wedlock births.

Nearly three-quarters of Americans, according to Pew, now say they "completely agree" with the statement: "I never donbt the existence of God," and 53 percent say prayer is "an important part" of their daily lives - figures up

By James K. Glassman

What really bothers these band-ringers is that American bandnine points higher than at any time since the survey began in 1964. And just 22 percent rank their happiness quotient as low.

Meanwhile, the public's interest in politics and public policy has plummeted. Last month, for example, a gay white Republican named David Catania won an atlarge council seat in Washington with just 10,221 votes. Only 7 percent of registered voters cast a

For the second straight year, reports Pew, not one domestic policy story made the annual list of the top 10 news stories, which was headed by the death of Princess Dianà.

Since 1986, the stories that drew the most attention of the public have been, in order: the explosion of the Challenger, the 1989 San Francisco earthquake, the Rodney King verdict and riots, the TWA crash off the coast of New York and the "little girl in Texas who was rescued after fall-ing into a well' in 1987.

The top domestic political story in that time was the 1996 presidential election, which came in 24th - well behind the 1990 increase in the price of gasoline.

Americans are not much interested in what the government is doing as long as it stays as unobtrusive as possible. Big ideas, such as nationalized health care and (I am sad to admit) comprehensive tax reform, cannot gain traction. So politicians are left with little ideas, of which Bill Clinton is the master: better meat inspection, repairing school roofs.

Still, we should be alert to mischief. There is certainly a danger that, pushed out of the action, government will try to reassert itself, to prove it is still important: Hey, over here, look at me! That is what may be bappening in the pros-ecution of Microsoft and in Mr. Clinton's move to extend Medicare to people under 65.

Bnt, in general, the fact that government is becoming background noise - elevator music -

is a very good thing.
Still, the hand-wringers will ask whether, left to their own devices, Americans will do the right thing. Of course they will. A lot of them, for instance, are helping others. Last year donations to charity sbarply from 10 years ago. reached \$130 billion, up 9.5 per-The bottom line is that 47 per-cent in two years, and half of all

donors make less than \$50,000 annually. Philanthropy will surely be one of the growth industries of the 21st century.

Another growth industry can be called widening one's horizons—through travel, adult education and simply reading, listening to music and looking at pictures. It is happening. On a Christmas trip to New York, I was struck by the enthusiastic crowds at the exhibit of Richard Diebenkorn's beaunful, sane and rhythmic paintings at the Whitney Museum.

This is exactly what John Adams meant when he said that he was willing to study politics and war so that his grandchildren could study poetry and porcelain. Yes, there is still poverty and ignorance and pathology. But, more than ever, Americans are fruitfully pursuing nappiness, the way the Declaration

of Independence intended. For that, we have John Adams, Abe Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan and, yes, Bill Clinton to thank. To our great ben-efit, they have made politics less important and the art of living

The writer, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, contributed this comment to The Washington Post.



'Almost makes you nostalgic for the old gas lines.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Turkish Response

Regarding "Turkey Overre-octs, but the EU Is Not Blameless" (Opinion, Dec. 20):

The article makes some good points but misses several aspects of Turkey's position. Turkey bas not "overreacted," It has simply signaled that it has been unfairly treated by the European Union over a long period of time and is no longer going to accept this and pretend the situation is normal.

During the last 16 years there bas been a progressive deterioration in Turkey-EU relations, mainly caused by the Greek veto. All financial cooperation has been blocked by Greece. The EU has slipped from a position of neutrality to one where its position on many Greek-Turkish issues is essentially that of Greece.

When Greece joined the EU, we in Turkey were made to understand that this would not be allowed to block our own progress toward membership. That has been almost completely forgotten.

The EU has broken almost all its promises to Turkey over the years: on migration of labor, on financial cooperation, on impartiality on issues concerning

Greece and Turkey. Finally, the EU has begun admission procedures for Greek Cyprus. It is obvious bow the accessioo of an "autonomous province of Greece" as a full member would affect Turkey.

Earlier this year, seeing the way things were going. Turkey told the EU that unless it was placed "in the same basket" as the other front-line applicants by the end of the year, the EU-Turkey relation-ship would be gravely affected. This did not bave the slightest impact on EU policies.

The accession of Greek Cyprus to the EU would not only be a breach of international treaties but would also have incalculable consequences for the balance of strategy and security in the wbole of the eastern Mediterranean.

Turkey now must wait some-where behind Romania and Latvia bassador to Britain.

for EU membership, Given its past experience with the EU, Turkey can hardly be expected to set much stock on assurances given at the Luxembourg summit meeting last month.

This is the culmination of a road that began with Greek accession to the European Union. A poorly thought-out enlargement in 1981 has produced steadily widening political conflicts and tensions.

Instead of trying to pretend that these come from the shortcomings of Turkey, the EU should face the facts and try to find a remedy for them. Until it does so, I think that the political relationship between Turkey and the EU will be very difficult indeed and perhaps for a long time to come.

The ball is in the European Union's court, not ours. It is now up to the EU to find a viable way

OZDEM SANBERK. London.

The writer is the Turkish am-

Let's Drop the Jargon **Of Efficient Mourning**

By Ellen Goodman

public or private death, every moment of mourning is followed 'closure.''

Last month, driving home just 24 hours after three Kentucky studenis were shot to death in a school prayer meeting, I beard a

MEANWHILE

minister talk about "healing." The teenagers had yet to be buried, and he said it was time to begin the healing process, as if there were an antibiotic to be applied at the first

sign of pain among the survivors. Weeks later, at a Christmas party, a man offered up a worried sigh about a widowed mutual friend. "It's been two years," he said, "and she soll hasn't achieved closure." The words pegged her as an underachiever who had failed the required course in Mourning 201, who would not graduate with her grief class.

This vocabulary of "healing" and "closure" has spread across the postmortem landscape like a nail across my hlackboard. It comes with an intonacion of sym-

pathy but an accent of impatience. It suggests, after all, that death is something to be dealt with, that loss is something to get over according to a prescribed emooonal timetable.

It happened again when the Terry Nichols verdict came down, No sooner had the mixed counts of guilty and innocent been announced than the usually jargonfree newscaster Peter Jennings asked bow it would help the "healing" for Oklahoma City.

The implicit expectacion, even demand, was that the survivors of 168 deaths would traverse a similar emotional terrain and come to the finish line at the same designated time. Was two and a half years too long to mourn a child blown np in a building? It was the families themselves

that set us straight with responses as personal and diverse as one young mother who said, "It's time to move on," and another who said of ber beart: "Sometimes I feel like it's bleeding.'

In the Nicbols sentencing trial last week, we got another rare

B OSTON — I don't remember sampling of raw grief. Laura whose son was killed in echo in the bollow aftermath of the 1995 explosion, said: "I have loss. But now it seems that every an emptiness inside of me that's. there all the time."

By the second day, however, by a call for "healing," a cry for the cameras had turned away, the microphones had turned a dear ear, as if they had heard enough keening. Again, observers asked what affect a life-or-death sen-tence would bave on, of course, 'healing' and "closure."

I do not mean to suggest that the people who testified were "typical" moumers or that the Oklahoma bomhing was a "typical" way of death. I mean to suggest that grief is always atypical — as individual as the death and the mourner.

The American way of dealing with it, bowever, has turned grieving into a set process with rules, stages and, of course, deadlines. We have, in essence, tried to make a science of grief, to tuck messy emotions under neat clinical labels — like "survivor guilt" or "detachment."

Sometimes we confuse sadness with depression, replace conifort with Prozac. We expect, maybe insist upon, an end to grief.

But in real lives, grief is a train that doesn't run on anyone else's schedule. Jimmie Holland, at New York's Sloan-Kenering Hospital. has studied the subject and knows that "normal grief may often be an ongoing lifelong process." Indeed, she says that the expectation of healing "becomes an added burden.

"We create a sense of failure." she said. "We hear people say, 'I can't seem to reach closure, I'm not doing it fast enough."

Surely it is our own anxiety in the presence of pain, our own fear of loss and death, that makes us wish away another's grief or hide our own. But in every life, losses will accumulate like stones in a backpack.

So whatever our national passion for emotional efficiency, for quality-time parents and oneminute managers, there simply are no one-minute moumers. Hearts heal faster from surgery than from loss. And when the center of someone's life has been blown out like the core of a building, is it any wonder it takes so long even to find a door to close?

The Boston Globe.

BOOKS

THE FINAL ACT: The Roads to Waterloo By Gregor Dallas. 544 pages.

\$35. Henry Holt. Reviewed by Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

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3 THE PERFECT STORM.

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FINALLY! We follow the brazen Bony as he marches northward through France, rekindling imperial loyalnes and gathering about him an armed host with which he plans to drive a wedge beplenty of room for speculation tween the allied forces comover what was actually the manded by Wellington on the right and Blucher on the left. The end, though it was not aftermath in Vienna.

"The Final Act" reaches its was far from final. own quite readable final act, well researched and at times

perhaps too much to expect any author to achieve a serene balance between narrative patterns and a sort of pointillist assemblage of anecdot-

acters and caricatures. Yet the essence of the story emerges through the murk of detail. Waterloo was indeed one of the so-called turning points of history, not only for the old world but for the new. It gave Europe at least the illusion of peace and

And there is an intriguing might-have-been: Napoleon hoped for exile in the United States, where for all one knows he might have ended up as a Whig cotton planter and senator from Louisiana or South Carolina. The final act of Dallas's

title is a play npon the 121-article "final act" of the Con-gress of Vienna, designed to shape the European peace for generations. As Dallas sugests, it was a signal accomplishment. But while Napoleon might be banished to St. Helena and slow arsenic poisoning (by some speculations bottle up the legacy of liberal nationalism be had exemplified in his own eccentric way. He had once said to one of his brothers that after a season under the Bonapartes, Europe clear at first that it was the would never return happily to end, comes with the defeat at the ways of the old regime. He Waterloo and the diplomatic was right, though it would be Retermath in Vienna. some years before that was After a lethargic start, clear. The final act at Vienna

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By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribun

ERLIN - Annie Whitehead grew up in Oldham, a small town she describes as "ravaged" in Lancashire, England. An area of pits, mills and collieries, every works had its brass band and instruments and lessoos were available in every school.

As a little girl, for some reason, she wanted to play the tuba. They gave her a little tuba called Tubby. No! It was a euphonium. At the age of 15, she switched to the trombone when she grew big enough to be able to reach the seventh position. Already she knew she wanted to make music when she grew up.

She wrote a letter to Ivy Benson, who led an all-female orchestra, asking for a job. The Benson band was well known. There were five brass, five reeds, rhythm, singers and strings and they played stock arrangements like Glenn Miller's "Little Brown Jng" in cabarets, casioos and resort hotels.

The band had been particularly popular during the war. According to Whitehead, the ambience was "something like the Ivy Benson Academy for young ladies." By coincidence, Benson worked in Oldham shorth of the letter was received and shortly after the letter was received and

an on-the-job audition was arranged.
Telling her story, Whitehead is bubbling with excitement after performing with two British bands during the recent Berlin Jazz Festival. She does not take for granted the fact that she is a woman who has been fortunate enough to be able to do pretty much what she wants to do with ber life:

'My whole family came for the audition. They had six tables. Aunties, uncles, all the kids, granddad, grandma - everybody was there to give me moral support. It was fantastic

The anditioo went well enough, but she was still only 15 and it would be a year before she was able to join the orchestra. Benson, who was strict and

work-oriented, became her guardian. They worked in Germany and Switzer-land during the winters, British seaside resorts in the summertime, and on the island of Jersey in between. It could be seven nights a week, six hours a night.

"Ivy was very strong," Whitehead recalls. "She kept a big band working 35-40 years. Her dad helped ber. He was a great character, be died in his 80s picking up the girls' wages from the bank. Ivy died a few years ago at about the same age. She was married three times and cone of them worked out. In those days, men did not accept strong women. Anyway, in reality, she was married to the band.

"It was quite a life. Sometimes we'd finish at 12 and the girls would go out dancing and drinking. We'd play for strict tempo dancing; women would come out in their chiffon gowns, the men in their suits. They'd be doing quick-steps, fox-trots and waltzes. Something about the English seaside fascinates me. There's a sort of decrepit pathos thing.
They can be kind of lurid."

In any case, it was an "education," and it could get "complicated." White-head admits sbe's "botheaded." So after two years sbe decided to stay on in Jersey and quit.

She worked behind a bar, and she took orders and balanced beavy trays. Living off the tips, she learned how to be 'nice and quick.' All the solos in the Benson band had been written out and so she had no idea what improvisation entailed. Jazz had never much interested her. But most of the people she knew on the island were musicians and they invited her to jam with them.

Herbie Hancock's "Headhunters" had just been released and there was "all that modal stuff" going on. She was "terrified" to take a solo. On Jersey, it was a "sort of hippie scene," laid back, quite cheap, easy living. To help support herself while she concentrated oo practicing her horn, she put an ad in the paper: "Cheerful char oeeds work."

Cheerful chars were in demand -

Trombonist Annie Whitehead at the Berlin Jazz Festival.

there were loads of replies. With plenty of time to practice, she memorized solos by Stan Getz and Roswell Rudd and others. Rudd is a modernist with gut-bucket roots. She'd never beard anybody play the instrument from "such an emotional place." Being "high-strung," she recognized that place. She thought: "I can do that."

HE does not lack confidence. Her parents had been supportive. It never occurred to her that she could not do something just because she was a woman. She joined a London horn section called Kick Horns that backed Elvis Costello, the Spice Girls and others, and she was also part of a band of free spirits called The Broth-erhood of Breath led by the South Af-

rican exile Chris McGregor.

Rehearsing a new arrangement one day, all of a sudden, McGregor said:

"Annie, you start it." She looked at her part — oothing was written. "What do you mean 'start"?" she asked. "Just be yourself," McGregor advised. She took the part home and practiced bolding her horn in front of the mirror. "Now!" she'd exclaim to ber reflection at "un-

These days, she's a member of the Penguin Café Orchestra, a cult band that features "all kinds of music rolled into one." A while ago, the Penguins sold out Royal Festival Hall, which, they were told, had not happened in a long time. She is also the leader of several formations under own name, including The Annie Whitehead Experience.

Leading such a busy professional life made it extremely impractical for her to leave London after her parents were knocked down by a car in Oldham. They had been crossing a road at the end of a working day. Both of her father's legs were broken, be was in plaster up to his thighs, and her mother lost a leg. Whitehead canceled all her work and went up to Oldham and belped them for

eight months. "Their accident absoeight months. Their accident absolutely stopped me in my tracks," she recalls. "The experience taught me to take nothing for granted. That day had started like any other day. You know, you get up and brush, your teeth and drink a cup of tea. They had both been so active. They had jobs and they did community work too. Now that they're better, I'm so glad I did that for them; for so many reasons. It made me feel very.

Coming Home: The Grateful Dead

Master Plan Keeps Legend Alive

By Neil Strauss New York Times Service

TOVATO, California — If the red-brick warehouse in this Marin County town were opeo to the public, it would be a haven for one-stop shoppers. Its end-less shelves are lined with everything from toothbrushes to golf balls, dog collars to stamps, skis to motorcycle parts, baby rompers to electric lanterns. But this is not a supermarket. It is the

headquarters of Grateful Dead Merchandising, where the golf balls are tie-dyed and the dog collars are em-blazoned with the head of Jerry Garcia. A thousand packages of Grateful Dead items are shipped from this warehouse each day, bringing in an annual gross of \$50 million to \$60 million.

Bot much more than the sale of memorabilia is involved bere. There is a Grateful Dead master plan. Most of the revenue coming in is being earmarked for an enormous project, perhaps the biggest undertaking ever attempted by a

single band.
It is called Terrapin Station, to be built in San Francisco, a \$60 million museum, amusement park, gathering place, concert hall, research center and possibly even a hotel for Grateful Dead fans who have lost their way since the

band broke up after Garcia, its leader, died two and a half years ago.

"There's a way to keep this band going, even without Jerry, God bless him," said Dennis McNally, the band's press agent for 14 years. "Instead of dying, the Grateful Dead is morphing."

Rock 'n' roll is a 50-year-old beast, and its founders and early innovators are beginning to die off. With its pioneering musicians and bands gone, rock 'n' roll

is becoming a museum piece.

Two years ago, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opened in Cleveland. And Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft, is in the process of developing a \$60 mil-lion Experience Music Project rock moseum in Seattle.

But Terrapin Station, named after a 1977 Grateful Dead album, promises to be a different type of tourist attraction

altogether.
"If kids traveled all over the country following the band when they toured, I'm sure they'll all go to San Francisco to see the museum, 'said Bob Grosswein-er, the senior editor of the concert inso obviously speaks to contemporary audiences, why is it seldom mentioned in the same breath with "Death of a Salesman" and "The Crucible"? One dustry magazine Performance. "It will bring a lot of money into the economy, and it's very possible that Terrapin Sta-tion will outdraw the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, because it's in a bigger city, and some people are going to be spending weeks there instead of just a day. Hopefully, they'll have smoke alarms in

highest grossing, regularly earning some \$50 million io a good year. But when the band broke up in 1995, it left tens of thousands of fans with nowhere to go, no band worthy of following so slavishly around the country.

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One of the roles of Terrapin Station will be as a kind of shrine and meeting place for Deadheads. Its builders expect, in their most conservative estimates, that Terrapin Station will uttract 1.2 million people in its first year.

Though a site has not yet been chosen, the band is considering two San Francisco locations and expects to close a deal by the end of the month.

Phil Lesh, the Grateful Dead's bassist said the idea germinated in the late '60s when the band dreamed about becoming what he called "a rock 'n' roll satellite" that would stay in one place and broadcast concerts around the world.

The relationship between the band and the Deadheads oeeds to be nurtured because they are us, and we are them." Lesh said. "We'd been talking about Terrapin Station more seriously for the last five years, but the touring overhead and the oumber of employees we had were so great that we couldn't think of a way to generate enough time and energy, let alone money.
"With Jerry's death, everything

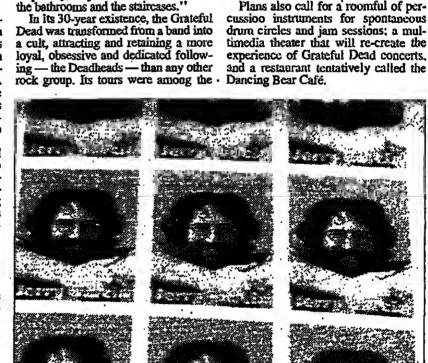
changed. We are no longer a viable touring operation. We couldn't even support our entire staff. To make a smooth transition, we had to fall back on merchandising our music archives, and that became the cash cow for the whole organization."

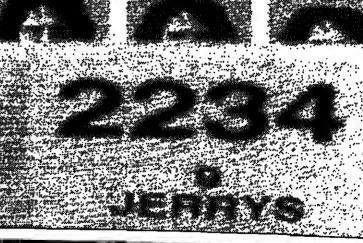
But we didn't want to just put out old live concerts until the material and interest dwindled away," he said. "We wanted to create a place that would be a presentatioo of what we did musically and culturally, and a place where people could gather, and oew music could be showcased, and a nonprofit organizatioo for music groups in the Bay Area could be developed."

HE entrance to the 65,000-square-foot (6,000-square-meter) Terrapin Station, which Lesh said he hoped would be open by New Year's Eve 1999 for a reunioo of sill be addressed to the state of members, will be a parking lot, a recreation of the place outside concert halls where Deadheads used to meet and sell food and crafts.

Inside, there will be a 1,000-seat auditorium for coocerts by Bay Area bands and by members of the Dead, most of whom have formed their own groups: rotating exhibitions oo the Bay Area music scene since the '60s, world music and chapters in Grateful Dead history. and a store full of band merchandise.

Plans also call for a roomful of percussioo instruments for spontaneous drum circles and jam sessions; a mul-







An employee working on a shipment of merchandise, including pictures of Jerry Garcia, from the Grateful Dead warehouse in California.

A Hypnotic 'View' in the Season of Miller

By Vincent Canby

FW YORK — The persoo in the hox office may tell you that "A View From the Bridge" has a playing time of 2 hours and 15 minutes, but pay no attention. It seems to be no more than 45 minutes, which would include the 15minute intermission, the only thing about this revival of the Arthur Miller classic that drags.
Such is the bypnotic effect of the

tion, now at the Criterioo Center Stage Right: You take your seat one minute and suddenly you're walking out into the white lights of nighttime Times Square, aware only that you have had the kind of visceral theatrical experience you probably thought you had outgrown.

This is definitely the season of Arthur Miller. The Signature Theatre Company, which has already presented his "American Clock," continues its tribute to his work with a program of two short plays, "The Last Yankee" and "I Can't Remember Anything" (now io previews, they open Sunday). Meanwhile, the Roundabout is reminding us of his awesome, ever-surprising talents with its revival of "A View From the Bridge."

The production, directed by Michael Mayer, stars Anthony LaPaglia in one of the most complex roles in the Miller canon: Eddie Carbone, the decent, hardworking Italian-American longshoreman whose obsessive but unacknowledged love for his wife's teenage niece, Catherine, called Katie, destroys him and the lives of everyone around him.

Eddie is working class, unsophisticated. He talks in the syntax of Red Hook, the Brooklyn neighborhood where he lives in neat, threadbare order with bis wife, Bea, and Katie. He was shaped by the Old World but knows only the New. He is also a man whose sense of moral responsibility is so implacable that to acknowledge such an "incestuous" passion is unthinkable.



Janney, left, Murphy and LaPaglia in Miller's "A View From the Bridge."

As written by Miller and played bere by LaPaglia, Eddie may be as close as the skeptical contemporary American theater will ever get to a classic tragic hero. Eddie towers over Willie Loman of 'Death of a Salesman." Willie is passive, a victim of his times and America's ephemeral promise of success; the bullheaded Eddie aggressively invites his doom and pursues it with a desperation that only increases as an awful selfawareness becomes inevitable. He's a

big, robust, magnificent character.
"A View From the Bridge" is not usually mentioned when talk turns to the "great" Miller plays. "Death of a Salesman" and "The Crucible" are the favorites, though "The Price" seems to be gaining stature with hindsight.

For someone wbo, like me, has managed to get through all these years with-out seeing "A View From the Bridge" in any of its earlier stage incarnations, or as adapted by Leo Rosten for Sidney Lumer's 1962 film version, this production is a revelation. It prompts

something of the emotional response one is supposed to feel — but seldom does — when seeing "King Lear" or 'Oedipus Rex.''

Is it cathartic in the Aristotelian sense? I'm not sure I know what that means anymore. Yet when you leave the theater after witnessing Eddie's down-fall, you simultaneously feel a kind of hard, unsentimental pity for the man and the exhilaration that comes after seeing a drama unfold with such terrible certainty and invigorating theatricality.

"A View From the Bridge" has an interesting provenance, having begun life as a one-act produced in New York in 1955 oo a bill with another short Miller play, "A Memory of Two Mondays." The author then rewrote it as a two-act piece that, directed by Peter Brook, opened successfully in London in 1956. A 1965 Off-Broadway production of this text, starring Robert Duvall, ran for 780 performances. Since then, there have been other revivals, most notably, according to those who saw it, one starring

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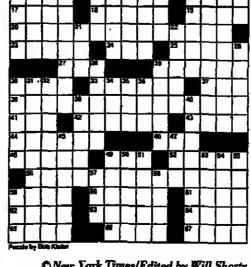
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possible reasoo is that it has an uncharacteristically simple, stroog, welldefined narrative line that doesn't immediately invite associations to larger social and political concerns, which, however, are integral to the fabric of the When "The Crucible" was first produced in 1953, its story of the Salem witch trials could be clearly seen as Miller's consideration of the hysteria surrounding Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-Communist crusade. "A View From the Bridge" is fueled by the same events, particularly by the actions of those who became informers, sometimes because of conscience but often to save their necks.

Michael Gambon in London in 1987.

Because "A View From the Bridge"

Eddie Carbone is a man of honor in all other ways. Yet he informs oo the two illegal immigrants be has been hiding his wife's distant cousins from Sicily to prevent Katie's marriage to a young man he deems "is not right," which is Eddie's genteel way of saying homo-sexual. He is, of course, wrong.

NLIKE "The Crucible," there are few if any lines in 'A View From the Bridge' that could be lifted whole from the play and applied to Washington, circa 1955. Its drama is organic. Everything that is said or done grows directly out of an explosive domestic situation, which is as specific as it is timeless. There is not a superfluous line or gesture in the entire work.

You won't quickly forget LaPaglia's Eddie Carbone, a large, seething disaster of a man, fighting a nature be will not comprehend. He is like a newly domesticated animal: awkward, gentle, crude, affectionate and dangerously un-

Alicon Jamey is splendid as Beatrice, a loving, patient woman of backbone who looks on helplessly but not quietly as her busband heads into the darkness. Also exceptional is Brittany Murphy, a film actress making her Broadway debut as Katie, another beautifully written Miller character. Though innocent, Katie isn't dim. She adores Eddie, even as she comes to understand him. Gabriel Olds is Rodolpho, the irrepressibly optimistic young illegal immigrant (or "subma-rine") Katie falls for, and Adam Trese is Marco, Rodolpho's older brother. Both are very good indeed.

Stepheo Spinella, the Tony Award winner for "Angels in America," is an accomplished actor uncomfortably cast as Alfieri. He is the philosophizing Red Hook lawyer who moves through the play like Miller's conscience, both as a Greek chorus that directly addresses the audience and as a character. Spinella seems both too young and out of place in Red Honk, where he was supposedly born and bred.

Mayer's production moves with speed in and around David Gallo's unit set: a central playing area circumscribed by three sets of tiered steps, which evoke the shape of an ancient amphitheater, all backed by a scrim suggesting the community and the waterfront beyond.

It's oo longer fashionable to deal directly with the emotions as well as with ideas. Miller again shows us that cootemporary plays can still move, disturb, provoke and even shock. "A View From the Bridge" demonstrates how pleasurable that can be.

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IMF's Remedy for Asia: Whose Fault if It Fails?

Blame Abounds as Currencies Fall to New Lows

By Paul Blustein and Sandra Sugawara Washington Post Service

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Asia's financial crisis has taken another turn for the worse this week as the currencies of several countries have fallen to new lows, defying predictions by the Clinton administration and the International Monetary Fund that international rescue packages would restore confidence in the region's troubled economies.

Although South Korea's stock market got a boost from positive comments by the financier George Soros, the mounting tide of bad news elsewhere in Asia spawned unease among economists about whether the IMF's rem-

edies for the region are working.
"I still think the basic IMF strategy is correct," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics. But, he said, "it hasn't

worked."
U.S. administration officials, meanwhile, suggested that the real problem was that the ailing countries - Indonesia in particular — were not fulfilling pledges to restructure their econ-

In Thailand, which was the first to suffer a wave of selling by investors last summer, officials said they would seek to ease some of the terms of the nation's of worries about the health of the coun-IMF bailout because economic conditions were worse than either they or the and the possibility that a succession Fund had anticipated. The Thai prime minister, Chuan Leekpai, was quoted in a Japanese newspaper as saying he Asian country falls, its neighbors cur-would ask creditor banks to extend re-rencies tend to be affected because their payment terms on short-term loans to

That companies.

The IMF told the authorities in Bangkok and Jakarta that they would have to drive interest rates sharply higher to stop a buge flight of capital. The argument was that although higher rates would be very painful in the short run to businesses and individuals that borrow money, they were necessary to provide attractive yields on investments so investors would pour money back into the afflicted countries.

But with Asian currencies plumbing new depths, IMF critics are claiming vindication for their argument that the Fund foolishly applied the same ansterity-minded policies in Asia that it had the same and the used more sensibly in Latin America and other regions in the past.

"It's shocking that \$100 billion later, market confidence couldn't be estabhished in countries that had all the reason for market confidence to begin with, because they were well managed," said Jeffrey Sachs, a Harvard economics professor. "The fund turned a dangerous situation into a calamitous situation, by very publicly and osten-tatiously closing banks, raising interest rates, tightening credit, and signaling to anyone who didn't see it before that these economies would go into free fall."

Countries such as Thailand and In-Countries such as Thailand and Indonesia are now caught in an 'incredible vicious cycle,'' Mr. Sachs added, in which the IMF's austerity policies push companies into bankruptcy, and money flows out all the more quickly — pushing the currency lower and worsening the country's plight even more.

But defenders of the IMF approach said that a number of unforeseen factors have been pushing Southeast A sign current.

have been pushing Southeast Asian currencies down.

The Indonesian rupiah, for example, which has plunged about 20 percent so far this week, has been battered because try's longtime ruler, President Suharto, battle could spark bloody conflict. And when the currency in one Sootheast products compete on world markets.

Another factor cited by the IMF's advocates is that Indonesia has not followed through as much as the Fund's program called for in allowing market forces to operate in credit markets and the banking sector. Indeed, a court last week blocked the closure of an ailing bank owned by Mr. Saharto's half brother.

A senior U.S. Treasury official hinted that the administration shared this diagnosis of the problem, saying, "The focus at this point has to be on Indonesia taking the policy actions to which it has already agreed with the IMF."



Traders talking to clients at a brokerage in Taiwan as the currency fell.

Pressure on Currency Pushes Rates in Hong Kong Higher

By Philip Segal Special to the Herald Tribune

HONG KONG — Following weeks of relative calm in the eye of Asia's currency storm, interest rates bere shot up Tuesday amid worries about the threat of renewed speculative attacks

against the Hong Kong dollar.

The local dollar, pegged to the U.S. dollar since 1983, is East Asia's last fully convertible currency with a rigidly fixed exchange rate. The sharply higher interest rates Tuesday, evidence that the currency is under pressure, also served as a reminder that a stable currency brings with it a potentially severe price: steeper borrowing costs, lower property prices and, if these trends continoe, a shakier banking sector.

"My view is still pretty dark at this point," said Thomas Monaco, analyst at Bear Stearns. Most banks in Hong Kong are lending at rates lower than what it costs banks to borrow, be said.

The benchmark three-month Interbank Offered Rate finished at 11 percent, up from 10.125 percent Monday and 8.875 percent as recently as Friday. Hong Koog's prime lending rate remains at 9.5 percent, but there has been widespread speculation that this will eventually rise if the local dollar remains under pressure.

Across the Taiwan Strait, Taiwan's dollar was battered, reaching a 10-year low against the U.S. dollar as currencies across the region plunged.

The Taiwan dollar has been under pressure for months, largely in response to the plunge in the South Korean won. Taiwan and South Korea compete in a range of industries, from semiconductors to chemicals, and the precipitous fall this year of the won has led Taiwan authorities to allow their currency to weaken, in an effort to remain competitive.

A weaker Taiwan dollar exerts a different kind of pressure on Hong Kong, produce acceptable figures. which will likely have to compete with Taiwan as a cargo shipment point to China if the mainland and Taiwan establish direct shipping links.

Investors also fled the Houg Koog stock market, afraid that the higher interest rates would batter company earnings. The benchmark Hang Seng index fell 1.63 percent.

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Budget for Indonesia Raises Spending 32%

Some Analysts Fault Plan as Too Lax

JAKARTA --- President Suharto unveiled a budget plan ib Tuesday designed to steer Indonesia out of its worst

The 55-n economic crisis in decades, but analysts liament was Mr. Suharto's most imexpressed concern that the plan, which calls for an increase in spending, would further erode confidence in the econ-

The budget, which by law must be his health and a potential successor have balanced, will increase overall spend-dogged Indonesia's financial markets. ing by 32 percent, in part because the decline of the rupiah will increase both revenue and spending. An expected drop in corporate taxes and the releution months to come." value of foreign aid and oil sales, which are denominated in U.S. dollars, the fidence of economic players, both at government said.

Some analysts said Indonesia had budget surplus by failing to take enough

austerity measures.
'I can't see how this will be well received," said Seema Desai, a regional economist at Schroders Securities in Singapore. "The market was boping to use the budget as a measure of their willingness to make tough decisions and comply with the IMF program. Well, they haven't made any painful choices at all."

But the World Bank director in Indonesia, Dennis de Tray, said the budget had "the potential" to deliver a surplus of roughly what the government has agreed with the IMF. He added that the World Bank's first reaction was that the budget was a "booa fide attempt" to

While some economists predict that Indonesia is beaded for its first recession in 20 years, the government said some analysts said.

the fiscal year ending March 1999, from 101.08 trillion rupiah in the current

The 55-minute speech before Parportant and longest public appearance since doctors ordered the 76-year-old leader to rest last month following a

Referring to reform, Mr. Suharto said. "We are fully committed to implement the whole program in the

strenuous foreign tour. Questions over

of a fuel subsidy that has grown more costly with the decline of the rupiah will be more than offset by the higher rupiah and will adopt, in the various fields is to restore as soon as possible the coohome and abroad," he said, his voice

strengtheoing as he went on.
Indonesia will also most likely not backed off from a pledge to the In-ternational Monetary Fund to run a deliver on a plan to narrow the currentaccount deficit, with a target of reaching 2 perceot of gross domestic product, analysts said.

As part of the IMF plan, Indonesia pledged to run a budget surplus of 1 percent of GDP, though Finance Min-ister Mar'ie Mohammed dismissed cou-cern that a failure to do so would appear to be a breach of Indooesia's IMF cooditions. "That was just a target," the finance minister said.

Indonesian government officials, who appeared at a briefing Tuesday, did not say whether the government was talking to the Fund about its targets.

Indonesia's government foreign debt service costs are expected to rise 57 percent to 30.2 trillion rupiah this year from 19.23 trillion rupiah as a result of the rupiah's plunge.

The government assumed a rupiah

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U.S.-dollar exchange rate of 4,000 rupiTuesday that it expected the economy to

ah to the dollar in the budget, a decision grow 4 percent in the next fiscal year, a that Mr. Mar'ie defended oo Tuesday. target that shows it is not being realistic. The rupiah ended Asian trading Tues-

day at 7,400 to the dollar.
"It makes sense," Mr. Mar'ie said. The makes sense," Mr. Mar'le said. "If our prediction turns out oot to be precise, we will review it later."

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Airbus Sees Its Future in a Super Jet

Boeing Derides European Firm's Plans to Build 600-Passenger Plane

By Laurence Zuckerman New York Times Service

The question inevitably arises whenever airline executives gather these days: Does the world need a new

passenger jet larger than the 747?

Boeing Co., which makes that venerable 420-seat jumbo jet — still, after nearly 30 years, the largest commercial plane in the air - says no. Airbus Industrie, Boeing's aggressive European challenger, says yes. It has proposed a new 600-passenger double-decker super jumbo — dubbed the A3XX — that it promises will be faster, quieter, more cost-efficient and able to fly farther than the 747.

Strip away the posturing and self-serving pronouncements that are part and parcel of one of the world's most cuthroat rivalries and you have two different views of the way air travel will evolve.

will evolve.

Both planemakers agree that passenger traffic will nearly triple in 20 years. But Boeing believes that smaller, longer-range planes will meet the needs of most travelers, who will prefer to fly direct from, say, Chicago to Hong Kong rather than changing planes in Tokyo. Airbus counters that few new airports will be built over the next two decades will be built over the next two decades and that environmental restrictions are likely to become more stringent, meaning that the glut of new travelers will need to fly in larger planes.

Some skeptics say a prolonged

The stakes are enormous. Alone at the high end of the market, the 747 is the foundation of Boeing's preemin-ence. And because the 747 has no com-

ence. And because the 747 has no competition, it is the source of an outsized share of Boeing's airplane profits.

Airbus, the European consortium founded by Britain, France, Germany and Spain in 1970, has been gradually gaining market share and would like to reach 50 percent of the annual global market from about 40 percent today.

Airbus said Tuesday that it would increase production 30 percent this year after receiving a record \$44.2 bil-

year after receiving a record \$44.2 bil-lion in orders for 671 planes in 1997.

carry 350 passengers or more. If Airbus does not build the A3XX, it will cede a

Boeing executives know the risks all

Asian slump could put a damper on plans for a buge new plane, but Airbus insists that is not a factor.

"We just happen to have a philosophical difference of opinion," said Joseph Ozimek, Boeing's director of marketing.

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The stakes are enormous. Alone at the plane in the fact that Boeing's go-formorke bet on the 747 ultimately paid off may be an inspiration to Airbus. "I

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Of the \$1 trillion worth of new passenger jets that will be purchased in the next 20 years, Airbus predicts that at least two of every five will be able to

large portion of those sales to Boeing.
But if the demand turns out smaller than Airbus forecasts, the A3XX. which analysts say will cost a minimum of \$10 billion (and possibly much more) to produce, could become the biggest white elephant in aircraft history.

may be an inspiration to Airbus. "I admire the 747 a lot," said Philip Iarry, vice president for market development in Airbus's large-aircraft division. "But people believe that it is nearing the end of its history."

What Airbus proposes is a brand-new four-engine jet with two twin-aisle decks stacked one ou top of the other. A grand staircase reminiscent of a cruise ship and wide enough for two people would greet passengers as they board. And Mr. Iarry spoke of full-size beds,

smoking lounge.
The first model, which Airbus says could be delivered in 2003 if executives give it the go-ahead soon, would carry 550 passengers and have a range of \$,400 to 9,600 miles (13,440 kilometers to 15,360 kilometers), versus 8,300 miles for the 747. A stretch ver-

sion would carry 650 passengers. Airbus's big selling point is that thanks to a more aerodynamically efficient design and better engines, the A3XX should be able to achieve operating costs at least 17 percent lower than the latest 747, introduced in 1989.

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Very briefly:

- Unisys Corp. will take about \$1.1 billion in fourth-quarter charges as part of a long-awaited restructuring to reduce debt and exit the personal computer business.
- Enron Corp. sold 7 percent of its retail energy business to two pension funds for \$130 million to offset the cost of expanding retail energy sales.
- · BellSouth Corp. and Bell Atlantic Corp., are asking federal regulators to impose conditions on WorldCom Inc.'s purchase of the long-distance provider MCI Communications Corp. BellSouth wants Bell companies to be allowed first into the long-distance business in their regions, while Bell
- Atlantic wants WorldCom to lessen its Internet dominance. • FPL Group Inc., Florida Power & Light's holding company, said it would enter the New England power market with the purchase of two nonnuclear generating plants from Ceutral Maine Power Co. for \$846 million.
- Arcor SAIC of Argentina has agreed to buy its rival, Dos En Uno of Chile, for \$200 million, in a move it said would make it the world's largest candy producer.
- Volkswagen AG's Brazilian unit said fewer workers than expected had accepted voluntary buyout offers at its largest factory south of Sao Paulo.

Apple Expects Profit of \$45 Million

CUPERTINO, California — Apple Computer Inc. said Tuesday it expected first-quarter profit to be more than \$45 million as higher profit margins and cost-cutting lift results. Analysts had widely expected a loss.

"Apple is clearly coming back as a major player," said Steve Jobs, Apple's interim chief executive. Apple will announce final results for the three months ended Dec. 31 on Jan 14. Apple's shares rose \$3.125 to \$19.00. The stock rose 22 percent last week in anticipation of an announcement this week.

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Oil and Banking Shares Pull Market Down

NEW YORK - Stocks fell Tuesday after Merrill Lynch reduced its 1998 earnings forecasts for several major banks.

Shares in oil companies dropped amid concerns that mild weather in the Northeast would hurt demand for heating fuels.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 72.74 points, at 7.906.25. Declining issues outnumbered advancing ones on the New York Stock Exchange by a 2to-1 margin.

"When you have concerns about earnings in two decidedly large groups, it's going to have an impact on earnings in the overall market," said Guru Baliga, a portfolio manager at American Express Financial Advisors in Minneapolis. "January is a time when you get a sense for earnings expec-

tations, not only for the fourth quarter, but more importantly, what expectations are for 1998." Among the 30 Dow stocks, J.P. Morgan led the declines, falling 5%

to 110%, while Chevron, Exxon and DuPont were all sharply lower. Merrill Lynch downgraded Citicorp and trimmed its profit

forecasts for Chase Manhattan, BankAmerica and BankBoston. All of those banks' shares dropped significantly.
The Standard & Poor's 500-stock

index fell 10.49 points to 966.58, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 13.97 points to 1,580.15. The Commerce Department said

Tuesday that a surge in demand for aircraft more than offset declines in other sectors, powering a 2.5 per-cent rise in orders to U.S. factories in November. But excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders fell 0.3 percent in November, the second decline in a row. Orders for ment on the potential impact that Loewenbaum & Co., said that be ness back in the future.

capital goods — such as machinery move may be to lower interest used to make other goods — fell 1.5 rates. The price of the benchmark percent when transportation and de-

ense orders were excluded. That may be one of the first signs that the Asian crisis is beginning to affect the U.S. markets, given that about half the capital

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goods produced in the United States are exported," said Cheryl Katz, an economist with Merrill Lynch.

Transportation orders alone surged 21 percent, due to a doubling in demand for aircraft and parts. It was the largest gain in the sector since July 1991.

Federal Reserve Board's next trials, reports Thursday.

30-year issue rose 9/32 to 105 26/ 32, pulling down the yield to 5.71 percent from 5.74 percent.

On Monday, bonds posted their biggest gains in two months, driving the 30-year yield down 10 basis points, as some analysts said that Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Fed, had signaled lower interest rates in a weekend speech.

Analysts and investors will look to fourth-quarter profit reports, which will begin trickling in this week, to gauge the market's health. Lehman Brothers Holdings and Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter, Discover are both scheduled to report Treasury bond prices edged on Wednesday Aluminum Co. of higher amid speculation that the America, one of the Dow inchis-

"It all comes down to earnings," said Owen Burman, director of equity research at Riggs Investment Management in Washington. After "so many great years," he said, "now we're saying we can't

keep up these levels of growth." Federal Express rose 2 13/16 to 63 15/16 after the delivery company said it would raise rates by an average of 3 percent to 4 percent in the United States on Feb. 15.

Handy & Harman fell 1 9/16 to 31 13/16 after WHX Corp. said it would not increase its \$30-a-share offer for the maker of auto parts. Object Design plunged 3 1/16 to

4 13/16 after the database-software company said it expected a loss for the fourth quarter because of weak orders from its large customers. (AP, Bloomberg)

Compaq's New Line Plugs In AMD Chips

SAN FRANCISCO - Compaq Computer Corp.'s new family of Presario personal computers unveiled Tnesday will include sev-eral models designed around Advanced Micro Devices Inc.'s K6 processor, the companies said.

The announcement confirmed a rumor that has been bandied about the PC industry for almost two months. One of the new Compaq PCs will be an upgrade of its current \$799 model, as the industry moves to an even lower threshold in the under-\$1,000 product arena.

'Several of these will use K6s, not just the \$799," said a spokesman for Advanced Micro.

AMD officials could not com-

on future earnings.

We are in the quiet period here,

but it's obvious that these guys can take large volumes of product," an AMD spokesman said.

A source close to Compaq said it would also unveil some new Presarios with Intel processors. Compaq will also have other models with Cyrix Corp. processors.

Compaq is the leading PC maker in the world and Intel's biggest

Some analysts said that they do not expect the Compaq deal to be a huge boon to AMD and that they expected Intel to strike back with

further price cuts on its chips. Ashok Kumar, an analyst with better chips and try to win the busi-

its accord with Compaq might have on future earnings. cause the pricing was so low, profits for AMD would be very low. "And when Intel goes after that market with a shotgun," he added, "it's going to get pretty

Intel recently cut the price on the entry-level Pentium II chip by 33 percent in an effort to rejuvenate PC sales at the beginning of the year.

More price cuts are expected.
We have serviced Compaq with microprocessors since the very be-ginning of their company," an Intel spokesman said. "The bulk of what Compaq ships are computers built with Intel chips at their core. We hate to lose any business, so we will see if we can come up with even

U.S. Meeting Set With Japan on Economy

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Officials of the Japanese Finance Ministry said Mr. Sakaki-bara would brief Mr. Summers and Board on plans to revive his coun-

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Gordon Brown and Mervyn King, deputy governor-designate of the Bank of England. His visits come amid warnings

from Tokyo officials that they will officials at the Federal Reserve act to keep their currency from falling further. Traders said the Bank of Japan sold an estimated \$1 bil- the dollar rose to 1.8323 Deotsche \$1.6295.

The dollar has surged against the yen this year amid concern that Japan is not working fast enough to encourage domestic demand, salvage its beleaguered banking system or keep more companies from going under. The U.S. currency already is up more than 2 percent against the yen this year.

Against other major currencies,

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The dollar-mark exchange rate "is a market issue and not for central banks," he said, adding that the start of the single currency in 1999 may prompt central banks and investors to buy dollar-denominated assets. The dollar rose to 6.1303 French

francs from 6,1065, and fell to 1.4808 Swiss francs from 1.4823. The pound fell to \$1.6250 from

INTERNATIONAL FUTURES

Zedillo Picks Peso Expert as Finance Chief

By Julia Preston New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY — In a surprise appointment that gives Mexico's booming economy an energetic spokesman well known to international investors, President Ernesto Zedillo has named Jose Angel Gurria his finance minister.

By choosing Mr. Gurria, 47, an economist and experienced financial negotiator who served as foreign minister for the last three years, the president opted to continue the conservative fiscal policies he applied to pull Mexico out of a depression.

The appointment Monday ended an uncomfortable stretch that began Dec. 15 when Mr. Zedillo designated the former finance minister, Guillermo Ortiz, to head the central bank, the Banco de Mexico. Mr. Ortiz is highly regarded by foreign business leaders for helping rescue Mexico after the peso collapse of 1994. The delay generated fears that Mr. Zedillo might name a successor deemed to possess lesser skills.

But Mr. Gurria enjoys a reputation as strong as that of Mr. Ortiz among U.S. bankers and investors as a result of his role as lead negotiator in talks to resolve Mex-

ico's debt crisis in the 1980s.

Mr. Gurria ''really knows his
stuff,'' said Ernest Brown, chief economist for Latin America at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, who met him during the debt talks. "He was a hard bargainer who always used every tool at his disposal."

Mr. Gurria is also known for helping Mr. Zedillo move federal budgets past a Congress dominated by a bloc of opposition parties. That opposition is likely to grow more contentious with the approach of presidential elections in 2000.

Mr. Ortiz is an academic economist not known for talents as a political bargainer, but he nevertheless succeeded in persuading the Congress to approve a lean 1998 budget that was almost exactly as Mr. Zedillo had proposed it.

But Mr. Zedillo decided to shift Mr. Ortiz to a six-year term in charge of the central bank as part of a plan to enhance the bank's independence. while leaving spending management with the finance minister. The president's goal is to lock in mechanisms to keep the peso stable past the end of his term, officials said.

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Airbus Plans to Increase Production 30%

Penalties Against VW

EUPlans

BRUSSELS - Volkswagen AG faces action by the European Commission, including a possible fine, for refusing to sell cars to German and Austrian citizens at its Italian dealerships, a commission official said Tuesday.

The problem arose for the first time in 1995, when residents from Germany, Anstria and France complained they had been refused a car from Volkswagen or its sister company Audi from the carmaker's Italian distributor, Autogerma

Recently, there have been press reports of similar obstacles met by Germans in neighboring Denmark and in the Netherlands, where the price of cars before tax can be up to 30 per-

cent cheaper than in Germany.
"We'll probably announce something on the Italian case in the coming weeks," a commission source said.

In November 1996, after raiding the company's premises both in Germany and Italy, the commission warned that refusal to sell constituted a serious infringement of European Union fair competition rules and that VW risked being fined.

A German television station said Tuesday that Volkswagen could be fined more than 100 million Deutsche marks (\$55.1 million) for violations in Denmark and the Netherlands.

Volkswagen said it had only refused to sell cars to people operating as unauthorized dealers, and denied violating EU competition rules.

"We are selling every car to a private German customer in any country he wants to huy it," said Hans-Peter Blechinger, a Volkswagen spokesman. "But we are not selling cars to unauthorized Volkswagen dealers who then bring the cars back to Germany and sell them at a discount, competing with our authorized dealers.

The commission official said Volkswagen's refusal to sell cars to some huyers violates EU citizens' right to buy cars anywhere in the 15-member Union. He would not comment on the penalties that could be imposed on Volkswagen, saying any fines would depend on the circurnstances of the case.

Volkswagen's shares fell 8.50 DM, of 0.8 percent, fo 1,043.50 DM (\$575.4).

TOULOUSE, France — Airbus Industrie said Tuesday it would increase production 30 percent this year after receiving a record \$44.2 hillion in orders for 671 planes in 1997, intensifying a race with Boeing Co. to dominate the market for

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big commercial planes.
The European aircraft maker said it planned to deliver 235 planes this year, compared with 182 planes last year. That growth pace is slower than the 47 percent rise to 550 planes that Boeing said it expected for 1998.

For the second year running, Airhas has broadened the terms it uses to tally aircraft sales, giving the European consortium a market edge

over Boeing.
Although Airbus announced orders for 671 planes in 1997, just 460 firm orders were actually booked.

Options were excluded from the figure. An Airbus spokesman said the consortium had "broadened the concept of what is an order."

A Boeing spokesman said in response that the latest available figures showed the U.S. aerospace giant had firm orders of 570 planes for 1997, excluding options, memorandums of understanding and letters of intent. Airbus figures include memorandums of understanding

and letters of intent. it would have bad a larger firm market share than Airbus in 1997. But Airbus charges that Boeing inflates its position by announcing sales posits. agreements that Airbus would not recognize as firm orders.

The Boeing spokesman said final sales statistics would be announced Wednesday.

Boeing has said it has an 80 per-cent market share with McDonnell Douglas Corp., which it bought last year. Airbus, meanwhile, has said it has more than half of the market in which it competes with Boeing.

Analysts say the rimal announcecomparison between Airbus and Boeing and reflects a ruthless juggling of numbers aimed at flattering hoth companies' performance.

Until 1996, Airbus announced By Boeing's reporting standard, only firm orders, which it defines as sales contracts or "enforceable purchase agreements," which are accompanied by non-refundable de-

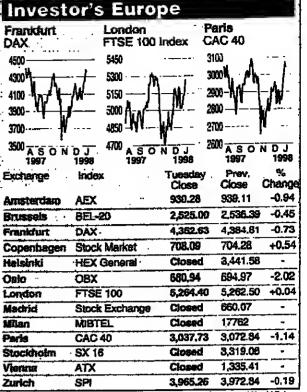
> Airbus is gearing up to turn out roughly one plane every working day in 1998, to meet a delivery schedule of 235 aircraft, the spokesman said.

planes at a profit and deliver them on time to customers who can pay,' said Sash Tusa, analyst at UBS.

Nick Cunningham, an analyst at Salomon Smith Barney, said Airbus could probably cope bener with the need to raise production because it meot of annual orders permits quick has "an advantage in that their planes are younger and easier to make."

Boeing said Tuesday it had delivered a record 375 jetliners in 1997, about 15 fewer than originally planned because of assembly-line bottlenecks resulting from labor and parts shortages.

The world's higgest aircraft maker originally hoped to deliver as many as 404 aircraft, including those made by McDonnell Douglas. In recent months, Boeing scaled back its delivery hopes as the severity of produccion problems became "The important thing is to make clearer. (Bloomberg. Reuters. AFP)



Ford Revs Up New Jag as Detroit Talks 'Clean'

LONDON - Ford Motor Co. said Tuesday that it would go ahead with plans to build a new Jaguar

luxury sports sedan at its Halewood plant oear Liverpool. 400, will compete with the Mercedes cars prodoced by Jaguar.

C-Class cars built by Daimler-Benz

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BERLIN - Denounced for draft-

ing high fees for defecting custom-

ers. Deutsche Telekom AG backed

off Tuesday and said that those who

switch to a competitor would oot

have to pay while regulators review

A Telekom spokesman, Hans

Ehnert, said, however, that the fees

could be imposed retroactively, de-

pending on how the government's

new telecommunications regulatory

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The agency told Telekom after

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Telekom Suspends New Switching Fees

During Review by German Regulators

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This is excellent news for Jag-AG of Germany and with Bayerische uar," the luxury car unit's chief Motoren Werke AG's 3-series cars. It executive, Nick Scheele, said in a will be introduced in 2001, two years statement released at the Detroit after Jaguar rolls out another mid- anto show. "Over the course of the auto show, Ford said Monday that will be introduced in 2001, two years statement released at the Detroit

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Private competitors to Telekom,

which is still mostly state-owned,

have filed complaints with govern-

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Telekom defended itself with full-

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For Ford, which acquired Jaguar

The selling a company with just two model lines selling 45,000 cars a minious that would produce as year to being a full-line four-model little air pollutions access. Chrysler

Jaguar aims to produce 200,000 cars a year in all after the X-400 comes to market. The decision assures a future for the Halewood plant, where Ford is winding down production of its popular Escort model.

Hans Ivanovitch, Sunrise's

chief, announcing pricing plans.

Sunrise, launched eight months

go, officially starts service on

Wednesday and will confine itself to

international services until it can

little air polluoon as cars. Chrysler Corp., after initially expressing reservations, announced that it would match that move in its most popular sport-utility vehicle. Ford said it would install more

effective catalytic converters and fine-tune its engines so all of its 1999 model-year sport-utility vehicles and Windstars — nearly 1 million vehicles - emit about 40 percent less smog-causing gases like nitrogen oxide than the comparable 1998 models, Michael Grimaldi, GM's vehicle

line executive for pickup trucks and sport-utility vehicles, said the carmaker had the technology to reduce emissions as much as Ford, in some cases for the 1999 model year, Executives are reviewing whether to do so, he added.

Also in Detroit, chairman of Volkswagen AG, Ferdinand Piech, said its worldwide sales totaled 4.3 million vehicles last year, a rise of 7.4 percent from a year earlier.

Mr. Piech said VW was able to maintain its positioo as the world's fourth-largest carmaker and as Europe's largest automaker, VW's sales figures included those of Audi

AG, its unit that makes luxury cars. Meanwhile, BMW confirmed that it sold a total 1,151,361 units of its BMW, Rover, Land Rover, Mini and MG models in 1997, a rise of 4 percent from a year earlier.

In a statement released at the Detroit show, BMW said sales of its monopoly shigh costs and poor ser- felecommunications consortium, renegotiate a lower interconnection BMW model rose to 675,000 units, vice have criticized the fees: 95 said Tuesday that it would undercut price with Swisscom to make do- a rise of nearly 5 percent from the

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Very briefly:

• The Paris hourse has given formal notice that it will list stock prices only in euros starting next January.

· Skoda Auto AS, the Czech carmaker in which Volkswagen AG holds a majority stake, said its total 1997 output rose nearly 36 percent from a year earlier to 357,405 units.

· Rolls-Royce PLC, the British maker of airplane engines has informed Vickers PLC that it insists on having a say in the sale of Vickers' luxury car subsidiary, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, which was bought by Vickers in 1980. Rolls-Royce PLC retained the power to revoke Rolls-Royce Motor Cars' rights to use its name and the Rolls-Royce trademark in the event that the company is sold abruad.

 Publicis SA, the French advertising company, expects to report double-digit growth for sales and profit this year, its chairman, Maurice Levy, said.

• The Irish pound has hit an 11-month low, bolstering expectations that Duhlin will not revalue the currency upward in the run-up to European monetary union.

 German unemployment will average 4.5 million people this year, said Herbert Hax, head of Germany's council of economic advisers, up from an average of 4.3 million in 1997. Novartis AG has received approval to use and sell its gene-

modified corn in Switzerland, the Federal Health Office said. It may already be imported and consumed in France, the United States, Canada and Japan.

South Africa Stocks Lose Glitter

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JOHANNESBURG - South African stocks fell Tuesday, a day after gold prices tumbled to an 18-year low, hurting shares in mining countries. The Johannesburg All Share Index closed down 36 points, or 0.6 percent, at 6,155.

Meanwhile, the rand weakened, with the dollar rising to 4.940 rand from 4.909 rand. Analysts said the fall of the South African currency fueled concern about the outlook for importers' earnings but helped exporters. The All Gold Index fell 36 to 749, as Driefontein Consolidated Ltd. fell 2.15 rand to 30.85 rand, and Western Deep Levels Ltd. fell 6 rand to 84 rand.

Deutsche marks (\$55) for changing Swisscom's long-distance calling mestic calls competitive, company previous year's 664,107. Gold fell to an 18-year low oo Monday. On Tuesday, it was long-distance service providers and rates by op to 40 percent. (AP, Reuters) (Bloomberg, Reuters, NYT, AFX) fixed in Londoo at \$282.80. (Bloomberg, Reuters) (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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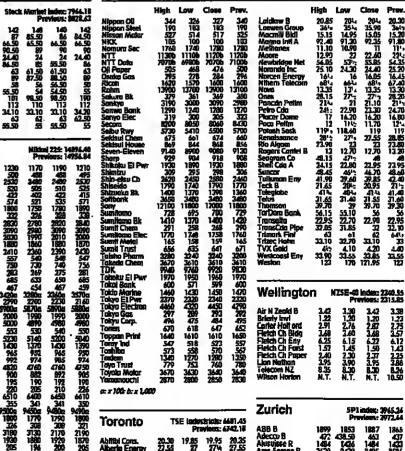
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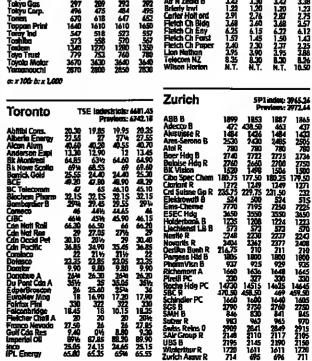
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Very briefly:

• Japan's foreign-exchange reserves fell \$7.5 billion in December from November, to \$220.79 billion, the fourth decline in the last five years and two months, as the Bank of Japan sold dollars to prop up the weak yen, the Ministry of Finance said.

• Ansett International joined its rival airline Qantas Airways Ltd. in suspending direct services between Australia and South Korea because of the Asian economic meltdown. Siam Pan Group PCL, which distributes engine lubricants in Thailand, will make its debut on the Stock Exchange of Thailand

on Jan. 8, becoming the first company to list in six months. Sembawang Corp.'s shares, extended losses for a third day, falling 13.3 percent, to 3.06 Singapore dollars (\$1.78), the lowest level in more than nine years, as the region's currencies slid and investors fled from Asian markets.

 Vietnam's central bank has dashed foreign bankers' hopes that the acute dollar shortages they face will be eased with the opening of the country's first swap market for currency trading. The State Bank of Vietnam says the market is designed to give the government more access to hard currency, oot to ease the dollar cranch on local banks.

 Singapore Power Ltd. will pay \$175 million for control of certain power production assets of Indooesia's Asia Pulp & Paper Co., as part of a plan to expand its holdings in Asia.

 Pakistan's soccer ball industry is unlikely to meet a 2000 deadline to end child labor unless joint action is taken by the state, industry and international ageocies to eliminate poverty, ball makers said.

HONG KONG: Rates Increase

Because the Hong Kong government has pledged

Higher interest rates make it more expensive for speculators to borrow the Hong Kong dollar with the intention of short-selling it, but high rates also discourage buyers of real estate.

Especially vulnerable to further falls in land prices are Hong Kong's banks. Despite informal guidelines restricting property lending to 40 percent of a bank's loan portfolio, Hong Kong's banks have 47 percent of their total loans in the property sector.
In Mr. Monaco's view, the
best of the likely scenarios for

the territory's banks if high rates and falling land prices persist, is that "the smaller banks won't survive" after they are acquired by the larger, wealthier institutions that can afford to absorb losses in controls.

Continued from Page 11 their lending businesses in order to preserve market share.

The alternative outcome under prolonged high rates could countless times to preserve its be something Hong Kong rescurrency's link to the U.S. idents know well: bank faildollar, it faces little choice but wes. In 1983, when the curto drive interest rates higher reacy plunged over political uncertainty surrounding Hong Kong's planned reversion to China, close to half the territory's banks collapsed.

> impetus for prices, which have already fallen 30 percent since a year ago, to stabilize. The government reported this month that property transac-tions in December numbered less than half of November's total, the lowest oumber since a property slump in 1995. On the positive side for

Hong Kong's policymakers, the government holds \$96 billion in foreign-exchange reserves to help support the currency, and so far local residents appear to be leaving their money in Hong Kong dollars. More than 55 percent of local deposits remain in local currency even though

JUMBO: Plans for Giant Plane

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And it would carry 30 to 35 percent more passengers. (The super jumbo — like the would not be able to land at every airport. Airbus insisted that no major modifications would be needed at major international airports,

but Boeing disputes that.)
Airbus has enlisted 19 of the largest international carriers to help it design the plane. ether, the airlines fly more than half the world's annual airline passenger miles and global fleet of the latest 747.

Several participating air-lines are either Asian or plan to use the A3XX to fly over the Pacific Ocean, leading many analysis to conclude that the super jumbo is likely to be of Spain — can raise devel-delayed in the wake of Asia's opment funds.

economic turmoil. A number of Asian carriers are struggling to pay for planes they have already ordered or are selling new planes and leasing them back to raise cash.

"Absent Asian prosperity, there is oo plausible reason to acrospace analyst at BT Alex Brown in New York.

But Mr. Jarry said the Asian crisis was not really a factor because Airbus was looking at the long term more than 20 years.

Another hurdle is whether Airbus's four partners — Aerospatiale of France, Daimler-Benz Aerospace AG

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Tokyo Draws on '30s in Bid to Save Banks

By Sheryl WuDunn

TOKYO — Borrowing a chapter from America's rescue of its banks during the Depression, Japan is drafting a law to bail out banks by taking a stake in them.

The legislation as described by officials appears to be the centerpiece of a government effort to strengthen the banking system and lessen the risk of global financial crisis.

That effort, first announced last month, has grown in size and scope. The government said Dec. 25 that it would set aside as much as 30 trillion yen (\$225 billion) to stabilize the banking system, tripling the original package of 10 trillion yen announced Dec. 10.

Officials hope that the initiative will be welcomed by investors here and abroad, who have Bank & Trust Co., the strongest institution at expressed more and more anxiety over flaws in apan's financial system. They and financialindustry professionals share a fear that a Jap-

anese banking collapse could ripple around the world with devastating effects.

Many of Japan's banks have been badly strained by huge debts, and their frailty has helped stunt national economic growth for years. The bank-rescue legislation would inject capital into banks in exchange for preferred stock, a plan modeled on the successful effort to salvage the U.S. banking system in the Depression years. Officials said the legislation would be presented to Parliament as early as next week and could take effect in the next couple of months.

The point is not the injection of capital itself," said Koji Yasuoka, head of the Liberal

effort. "The point is for the Japanese gov-emment to show clearly the will to stabilize the legislation would empower a special govern-

In the 1930s, the United States helped private banks increase their capital by buying preferred shares from both strong and weak institutions, which reinvigorated the banking system and helped pull the economy out of depression. Washington prevailed upon J.P. Morgan

'The point is for the Japanese government to show clearly the will to stabilize the financial system.'

the time, to take the lead and issue preferred shares to the government.

The Japanese proposal has raised sensitive questions on the use of public money to help weak and strong banks alike. Some argue that bad banks should fail rather than get a new lifesupport system. But anxiety about the banks and

the fragility of the economy is so great that critics seem willing to accept the plan.

"Principally, I don't agree with the government plan," said Satoru Yoshida, a professor of money and banking at Musashi University in Tokyo " versity in Tokyo. "As an emergency rescue plan, I must admit that it is necessary.

The financial markets have remained skeptical of the government's efforts to help banks and invigorate the economy, as reflected in the

ment-sponsored bank to buy preferred shares in ailing institutions. These shares would carry no voting rights so that the government would not, in theory, have a say in running the bank in

which it took a stake. While the plan would be used primarily to aid weak institutions, officials also hope to encourage strong ones, like the Bank of Tokvo-Mitsubishi, to issue preferred shares ahead of the others so that the plan would gain respectability — just as J.P. Morgan lent respectability to the New Deal plan in America of the 1930s. Katsumi Tsuiji, a spokesman for the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, said that while his company had been considering changes in its articles of incorporation to allow it to issue preferred charge it had no specific intervien to preferred shares, it had no specific intention to

issue such shares yet.

Banks with a sound financial background that ran into sudden shortages of money would most likely be allowed to take part, as would banks that purchase hobbled institutions and would be weakened by such purchases. But Tokyo does not want to be seen rescuing poorly run banks. so some would presumably be judged ineligible.

Those accepted would sell shares to the special bank, which would be managed under the Deposit Insurance Corp., a government entity somewhat similar to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in the United States.

The Deposit Insurance Corp. would be given 30 trillion yen to help support the banks, with 13 trillion yen of that going toward the preferredshare plan. The remaining 17 trillion yen would Democratic Party committee that is leading the languishing Japanese stock market and the di- be used in part to buy assets of weak banks.

Samsung to Cut **Output Abroad**

Bloomberg News

SEOUL - Samsung Group said Tuesday it planned to slash pro-duction in China and Southeast Asia by 40 percent this year as it struggles to cut costs while preserving jobs at home.

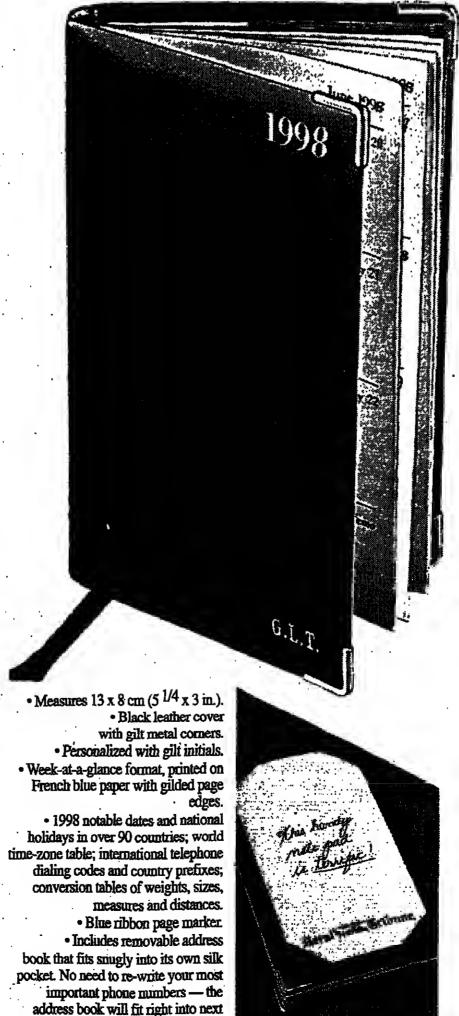
The company said it would reduce output of televisions and other consumer electronic products at 16 factories in China and 14 in Indonesia. Malaysia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand and India. Those countries accounted for \$16.8 billion in sales last year, or 44 percent of Samsung's total overseas sales.

"No factories in the region will be closed," said Cho Chang Won, a Samsung spokesman. "We will just cut down working hours and pos-

sibly dismiss some employees. The production cuts reflect a bid by Samsung to cope with reduced growth throughout Asia by trim-ming costs while sheltering its operations in South Korea, where labor laws make it very difficult to dismiss workers.

Samsung said it was making the changes even though production costs in South Korea were higher. For South Korea, Samsung's decision will translate into 5,000 new jobs, generating an additional \$1.5 billion in exports.

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Mary Pierce playing a return Tuesday against Anke Huber.

Pierce Lifts France

TENNIS Mary Pierce overpowered Anke Huber, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. and teamed with Cedric Pioline in a doubles victory as France beat Germany by 3-0 Tuesday in the Hopman Cup team tournament in Perth.

Pioline beat Tommy Haas, 6-4, 6-4, and Pierce and Pioline beat Huber and Haas, 2-6, 6-3, 7-3, in doubles, with the final set reduced to a tiebreaker.

Slovakia took an unbeatable 2-0 lead over Sweden as Karol Kucera beat Thomas Enqvist and Karina Habsudova downed Asa Carlsson. Habsudova's 6-3, 6-3 victory was held up for 45 minutes by a lights failure. Kucera beat Enqvist,

 At the Australian Hardcourt championships in Adelaide, Mark Woodforde beat Jim Courier, the No. 3 seed, 7-5, 6-2, in the first round on Tuesday.

Courier said he planned to spend the oext five days practicing for the Australian Open, adding, "There's no denying I'm not prepared."

Andre Agassi trailed Sargis Sargsian of Armenia, 6-4, 3-2 when their match was suspended because of rain.

 In Gold Coast, Maria Vento of Venezuela upset the defender, Elena Likhovtseva of Russia, 7-5 6-4, on Thesday in a rain-plagued match in the Australian Women's Hardcourt Championships. (AP)

Schumacher Investigated

FORMULA ONE German prosecutors said Tuesday tjat they had launched a criminal investigation involving the former world champioo Michael Schumacher over his Grand Prix collision with Jacques Villeneuve in October.

State prosecutors in Cologne said they had been asked to investigate the incident by a person in Frankfurt, whom they did not name. (Reuters)

Lewis Will Fight Briggs

BOXING Lennox Lewis, the WBC heavyweight champion, will defend his title against the American Shannoo Briggs on March 28 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Panos Eliades, Lewis's promoter, said Tuesday that the fight would have a total purse of \$8 million.

· A kickboxer pummeled with four kicks to the head during a weekend middleweight bout at the Forum in Los Angeles remained in critical condition, two days after surgery for bleeding in the brain. Redone Bougara, 23, of France,

sustained a massive hematoma, according to Robert Karns, the supervising doctor at the bout. (AP)

Bairstow Is Found Dead

CRICKET David Bairstow, a former Yorkshire and England wicketkeeper, has been found hanged at his home, the police said. Bairstow, 46, who captained York-shire io the 1980s, was found by a member of his family Monday. An inquest will be held. (Reuters)

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WORLD ROUNDUP Picking 10 Playmates For the Great Ronaldo

Who Else Would Start on a World Team?

By Rob Hughes

T21, Ronaldo has matured into a performer so forceful, so gifted and so reliable that he makes all contests for soccer player of the year

FIFA, the governing body of world soccer, will go ahead and host its television gala to unveil its player of the year

WORLD SOCCIR

on Monday but frankly — though Dennis Bergkamp, Roberto Carlos and others are on the shortlist — the winner will be the same as last year, the same as in all other polls: Ronaldo, Ronaldo, Ronaldo.

Last Sunday, Ronaldo turned goalmaker with a tigerish burst of pace and power on the wing. He lured Paolo Montero, Juventus's intimidating center back, out to the flank and beat him by sheer strength. He outsprinted left back Mark Iuliano, and then caressed a low. diagonal pass that begged Youri Djork-aeff to score Inter Milan's winning goal.

Normally, Ronaldo is the one putting the ball in the net, as he did 60 times in 70 competitive matches in 1997 for Barcelona, for Brazil, and for Inter, his latest team. If he remains healthy, he'll do it in the World Cup in France this summer. and wreck player-of-the-year polls for 1998, as he has for 1997 and 1996.

At last somebody has thought up something more imaginative than just choosing the obvious annual icon of the sport, Eurosport, the European satellite broadcaster, doesn't bave the biggest budget or staff, but it realized that soccer is a team game and this is a World Cup year, so it picked a Dream Team in anticipation of the event

The main striker? Well, that's a foregone conclusion. But building a team around Ronaldo is a whole new ball game, and Eurosport tapped the insight of some of the most experienced coaches in the world to select this team:

· Andreas Kopke (Germany and Olympique Marseille), goalie; Lilian Thuram (France and

Parma), right back; · Frank de Boer (Netherlands and

Ajax), center half: Fernando Hierro (Spain and Real Madrid), libero;

• Roberto Carlos (Brazil and Real Madrid), left back;
• Clarence Seedorf (Netherlands and

Real Madrid), holding midfield player; Finidi George (Nigeria and Betis Seville), right midfield/wing;

 Zinedioe Zidane (France and Joventus), playmaker. Christian Ziege, (Germany and

AC Milan), left midfield/wing. · Ronaldo (Brazil and Inter), striker. Pedrag Mijatovic (Yogoslavia

and Real Madrid), second striker. Now the fun starts. Its time for you and me to agree or disagree. By accident or design, there are no Argentines, Englishmen or Italians. The team has four

Lazio crushed its neighbor, AS

Roma, by 4-1 on Tuesday in the quarterfinals of the Italian Cup.

Alen Boksic, Vladimir Jugovic, Roberto Mancini and Diego Fuser

scored for Lazio in the first leg of the

EUROPEAN SOCCER ROWNDUP

quarterfinal at the Olympic Stadium in

Abel Balbo scored with a first-half

penalty for Roma, but the team went to

pieces after the break and finished with.

SPAIN Salamanca scored three goals

Sonny Anderson gave Barcelona an

early lead, but, in a rare attack, Pablo

Zegarra equalized for Salamanca. Luis Enrique Martinez of Barcelona

scored his 12th goal of the season in his

first game since returning from hon-

in the final 11 minutes to beat Barcelona,

the league leader, 4-3, Monday night.

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Rome, which is home to both teams.

Lazio Trounces AS Roma

Barcelona Concedes 3 Goals in Last 11 Minutes to Lose, 4-3

Real Madrid players, but none from Manchester United or the three German clubs also competing in the European Champions Cup. It has one African, a token to the continent of emerging tal-

I would not start with Kopke in goal. He punches too much and catches too intle. But Ray Clemence, once a fine England goalkeeper, told Eurosport of Kopke's unflappable temperament. The Dane, Peter Schmeichel, dominates a penalty area more anthoritatively, and in his saner moments, Jose Luis Chilavert of Chile has greater natural flair.

At right back there is no argument. Thuram is one of the most accomplished defenders in Italy's Serie A. In central defense, Frank de Boer, or his twin, Ron, would let no one down. Maybe, Marcel Desailly, Milan's import from France, would offer a more

There is only one libero, Matthias Sammer. The German has horrendous injury problems but his ability to convert defense to attack is extraordinary. Hierro was chosen for the Dream Team by Radomir Antic, who coaches Madrid's rival, Atletico. Hierro offers dependab-

ility and aerial strength, but he lacks the flexibility of a true libero. At left back, Roberto Carlos brooks no rival. Antonio Cabrini, the once great Italian defender, selects him as "the extra attacker." However, Cabrini omitted Paulo Maldini not only at left back, but also on the left side of midfield where, surely, he is more than the equal of Christian Ziege.

Coach Luis Fernandez picks Clarence Seedorf as the midfield anchor. Yet Seedorf would be wasted in oegative duties and would flourish on the right where Real Madrid gets the best from him. That position is given to Finidi, a

'He is the most fantastic team player." says Johnnie Rep, the Dutchman who influenced his inclusion. Yet Thomas Hassler, a German, conjures up passes that argue his case.
On his day, Zidane is a wizard. "He

can create, he can control the rhythm, he can score," says Berti Vogts, Germany's trainer and Zidane's admirer. Yet Michel Platini, who did all those things, eulogizes Jay Jay Okocha, the Nigerian. And Denilson, a Brazilian, might eclipse

all others in invention.
Finally, is Mijatovic the best strike partner for Ronaldo? "He is," says Just Fontaine, the great French finisher of the past. He is "a goal scorer of great calm, great technique." The Montenegrin puts the ball away with cold precision. But so does a Croat, Davor Suker. And Gabriel

Brazil, and cannot be bettered.

Batistuta, an Argentine, has grace laced with ferocious power. ceremonies for the biggest Nagano. Why deprive Ronaldo of Romario, the most cunning, most creative, most complementary goal scoring mate he

has had? It's a partnership made in Rob Hughes is on the staff of The

eymoon. Giovanni increased the lead

Cesar Brito scored with a penalty in the 79th minute and then with a shot from outside the penalty area. Walter Silvani won the game with a goal in the

That left time for a brawl for which

ENGLAND Tottenham Hotspur beat

Luis Enrique and Americo Taira of

Fulham of the second division, 3-1, Mon-

day in the FA Cup. Stephen Clemence,

Colin Calderwood and Maik Taylor, the

Neil Smith, a former Tottenham youth player, scored Fulham's goal.

Lisbon has undergone surgery for a frac-

tured jaw after another scuffle with Paul-

inho Santos of Porto. The two Por-

tuguese internationals were both sent off

PORTUGAL Joso Pinto of Benfica of

Fulham goalie, scored for Tottenham.

before Salamanca fought back.

Salamanca received red cards.

87th minote.

Birgit Heeb of Lichtenstein falling after missing a gate Tuesday in the World Cup giant slalom in Bormio, Italy.

Compagnoni Stretches Streak to 9

The Associated Press

BORMIO, Italy - Deborah Compagnoni took her unbeaten streak in the giant slalom to nine races Tuesday. Compagnoni has not lost a giant slalom for more than a year. In that time she

has won eight successive World Cup races and the 1997 world championship. The victory Tuesday was her first in Valuellina, the region comprising Bormio and her birthplace of Santa Caterina, 10 kilometers (6 miles) away.

Compagnoni, whose last defeat in a giant slalom was on Jan. 3, 1997, when she was second behind teammate Sabina Panzanini at Maribor, Slovenia, finished 12th in a World Cup slalom here Monday.

Bot she made up for that setback by gaining a modest 0.27 second lead after the first leg and then skiing an aggressive second to seal the victory and delight hundreds of fans crowded around the finish line. Her total time was two minutes 20.38 seconds.

"I skied to about 90 percent in the first run and I made a couple of mistakes. I was going flat-out in the second run," she said.

Martina Ertl, second after the first leg, was the runner-up in 2:21.02. Alexandra Meissnitzer of Austria, who

has twice finished second behind Compagnoni this season, was third in 2:21.96. Meissnitzer was in fourth place after the first leg but skied well on the lower part of the course in the second round.

Ertl's teammate Katja Seizinger bolstered her position at the top of the overall World Cup standings by taking fourth place in 2:22.57.

Yiva Nowen of Sweden, who won her fourth consecutive World Cup slalom here Mooday, slid oot of the giant slalom in the first leg.

In Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria, Hermann Maier beld off Alberto Tomba to win a men's giant slalom Tuesday and extend his World Cup lead. Maier's blistering second run clinched the Austrian's fourth victory of

"I skied for my life in the second

run," Maier said. Tomba staged one of his trademark

second-run comebacks to jump from eighth to second. But Maier, a 25-year-old former Four Hill series.

bricklayer, posted the fastest times in both runs for a winning aggregate of two minutes, 37.96 seconds, beating Tomba by a whopping 2.44 seconds on the 52-gate Zwoelfer course. Tomba trailed Maier by 1.54 seconds

after the first heat, but the Italian made a sensational second run. Tomba's combined time was 2:40.40.

Rainer Salzgeber of Austria, who was second after the first run, dropped to hird at 2:40.65.

■ A First for Japanese Jumper Kazuyoshi Funaki became the first.

Japanese ski jumper to win the Four Hill tour, although he failed in his attempt to Tuesday to sweep all four events, The tour, although he failed in his attempt Associated Press reported from Bischofshofen, Austria.

Funaki was only eighth in the final series Tuesday, but it was enough to give him overall victory on the tour that has two stops in Germany and two in Austria. No jumper has ever swept all

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Sven Hannawald of Germany won the event Tuesday to place second in the

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SNOW: All Eyes in Nagano Are on the Sky as Olympics Draw Near Continued from Page 1 for myself because I cannot Typically, 60 centimeters been placed on the ground so

parade of 2,000 athletes from

Winter Games ever. Officials here hope the '98 Games will prove to be uniquely Japanese in their simplicity and style and high-

The Japanese conductor Seiji Ozawa will direct, via satellite, choirs in New York, Beijing, Sydney, Berlin, Cape Town, and Nagano in Beethover's Ninth Symphony, after engineers figured out how to adjust for

the delay of several seconds in global satellite linkups. A slick speed-skating ring and a figuring-skating sanc-mary with heated seats for spectators are part of the many new venues. And such gadgets as a telephone that looks like a wristwatch and will allow top Olympic officials to talk into their wrists like Dick Tracy are being unveiled by the Japanese tele-

communications industry. To add small-town hospitality, volunteers will offer free miso soup and origami good-luck charms. And Nagano residents like Yokoya Tadamasu, 59, a taxi driver, has been trying to learn a few words of Eng-

after a confrontation during the match on "I'm looking forward to Saturday. The two also fought in a match in 1994 when Pinto was sent off and underwent surgery for a fractured nose.

speak English," he said. of snow would have accu- that when snow falls oo them, Snow, traffic and language mulated in Hakuba village by it will not melt as quickly as it 71 countries at the opening are the big worries for early January, according to would on the warmer earth.

> In the hopes of breaking the language barrier, a new language hot line is now beinstance, an American who wants a cheeseburger and fries but cannot communicate to dial a translator from his

Bot of all the worries, it is the weather that keeps people

Last year in February, there was so much snow in Nagano's streets that huge snowbanks made it difficult

logical Observatory. But on bers of the Japanese Self De-Monday only about 22 cen- fense Force - most of them ing installed. It will allow, for timeters of snow had fallen, most of it within the last 24 "As of yesterday we had that to a Japanese restaurant, no snow at all oo the cross-

the senior scientific officer at

the Nagano Local Meteoro- and as many as 1,000 mem-

country course, but today it is Murasaki, commander of the all white," said a relieved or- self-defense force's Olympic ganizer, Hiroaki Kato. hope it doesn't melt."

Everyone here does, and 100 snowmaking machines

crew, said in an interview Monday that 350 military skiers were preparing for snow Soow reconnaissance has pinpointed Otari village as a likely site from which snow could be trucked, he said.

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and blocked roads have made some snowy areas off-limits. With bulldozers and dump trucks a lot can be accomplished, even if the skies don't cooperate. Bot General Murasaki said that if the temperature soars, a full truckload of snow could quickly melt to half a load.

This year's winter weather. he said, "has been extremely unusual."

General Murasaki, whose ob it is to plan for the worst, lowered his voice with contained emotion and said he hoped "nature could help our Regardless, he said, "we

will do our best."

are working around the clock. At the cross-country sites, about 1,000 mats, most of them made of straw, have Concern about avalanches

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The Associated Press

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They alley-ooped, tipped in misses, dunked, drove for layups, hit jumpers from the lane and shot a much higher

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percentage and scored far more points than any Knicks opponent had all season, beating New York to Mon-

and of Beahly Patrick," said Bernie Bickerstaff, the Toronto. Wizards' coach.

Washington snapped its 14-game losing streak at Madison Square Garden, winning on the Knicks' court for the first time since Jan. 31, 1991.

"This was a small part of a big goal," Chris Webber said. "We want to be a great team like the Knicks. Bulls and Rockets. The first start is winning on their home courts."

for-18 from the field and had 11 rebounds and seven assists. Juwan streak on the road. Howard also scored 26 points, shoot-21 points, shooting 7-for-13, and Cal- and 13 rebounds.

Jamie Langenhrunner set up the

game-tying goal by Joe Nieuwendyk

NHL ROUNDUP

with 36 seconds to play and the

game-winner by Jere Lehtinen 34

secoods into overtime as Dallas ran

its unbeaten streak to 10 games with a 4-3 victory in New Jersey.

By Richard Justice

Washington Post Service

on a gray afternoon, with near-freez-

ing temperatures and a layer of ice covering streets and sidewalks all across Wisconsin.

the Packers have the unmistakable

ing proven themselves in the biggest

games against the best competition.

their mind-set is one that even the great

"Our guys right obw step onto the field believing we're going to win," said Mike Holmgren, the Packers'

coach. "It took a little while to get that

message across. Six years. Now, they

Their next test will come Sunday in

the National Football Conference

championship game against the San Francisco 49ers. It is the third straight

season the teams have met to the play-

offs. The Packers won both earlier

DENNIS THE MENACE

Vince Lombardi might envy.

believe it."

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin - The

Green Bay Packers returned to work record against NFC opponents.

bert Cheaney shot 8-for-10 and had 16

· Spurs 74, Magic 69 In Orlando, Tim Duncan scored 20 poiots, and David Robinson made six free throws in a game-ending 12-3 run that carried San Antonio over the slumping Ma-

The loss was the ninth in 10 games for the injury-depleted Magic, who missed 22 of 27 shots in the fourth quarter and stumbled after leading by 66-62 with 5:34 to go.

Rockets 120, Raptors 96 Kevin day night, 113-106. Willis scored 20 points and Matt Bul-"I prefer playing them without lard added 19 as Houston won at After missing their first six 3-point

shots, the Rockets hit 10 of their next 16, including two by Bullard in the third quarter as Houston pulled away to a 88-73 lead. The Raptors have lost five straight, while the Rockets won for only the

third time in eight games. Bucks 96, Trail Staxors 92 Glenn Robinson scored 26 points, including Webber scored 26 points, shot 10- four in the last 20 seconds; as Milwankee snapped a six-game losing

Arvydas Sabonis led the Trail ing 10-for-17. Rod Strickland added Blazers with a season-high 32 points

Belfour, the Dallas goalie, sitting on the bench in favor of a sixth skater.

Langenbrunner has five assists in

the last two games and 17 goals and

points fewer than be had all last

Canucks 3, Kings 2 Mike Sillinger

season as a rookie.

Dallas Comes From Behind to Push Streak to 10

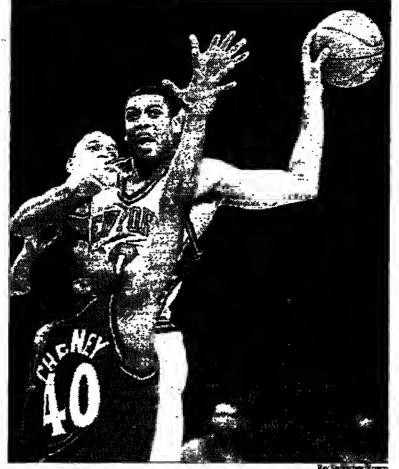
For Packers, Some Ties That Bind With the 49ers

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Alan Houston of the Knicks, with nowhere to go, dumping a pass away from Calbert Cheaney (40) and Terry Davis of the Wizards.

players acquired in a five-player deal ted Chicago into a tie with Calgary.

day had a hand in the outcome: olina, Sami Kapanen scored his first

Geoff Sandersoo had two assists, goal in 14 games and Martin Gelinas

Sutton, on His Fifth Try, Makes the Hall of Fame

Right-Handed Pitcher Finished With 324 Victories

By Thomas Boswell Washington Post Service

NE OF baseball's most ludicrous iniustices was corrected when Don Sutton was voted ioto the Hall of Fame after he spent five years waiting on the doorstep of Cooperstown despite his 324 victories.

Since the introduction of the lively ball in 1920, no right-handed pitcher has won more games than Sutton. Only one righty has had as many: Nolan Ryan. And Ryan lost 36 more

games than Sutton.
Ironically, one of Sutton's best qualities as a person might have kept him out of the Hall for a couple of extra years. He's dead bonest. For years, it cost him prestige and votes.

Asked about his manager with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Tommy Lasorda, Sunon said: "I'm leery of Tommy. I believe in God. not the Big Dodger in the Sky."
As he bounced from the Dodgers to the

and back to the Dodgers, Sutton said, "I'm the most loyal player money can buy. Why, he came as close as any pitcher ever

Astros, the Brewers, the A's and the Angels.

does to admitting publicly that he cheated on the mound.

Late in his career, when hitters said his best pitches were the scuffball, the cut ball and the sandnaper ball. Sputon would stuff dirty notes in his pockets for umpires to find when they frisked him.

In those defiant declining years, when he would do anything to win 300 games and kick down the door of the Hall of Fame, Sutton took rule-breaking — or the appearance of it — to gloriously infantile heights. Between pitches, he would grind oo the ball as though trying to tear off its cover. Asked what he'd do if he was disciplined hy umpires or the league, he vowed he would sue everybody and take

his case to the Supreme Court. 'Sutton has set such a fine example of defiance that someday I expect to see a pitcher walk out to the mound with a utility belt on you know, file, chisel, screwdriver, glue," said Ray Miller, then the Baltimore Orioles' pitching coach, now their manager, "Sutton will throw a ball to the plate with bolts attached to it.

Sutton didn't care. On the ontside, he was smooth and well spoken. On the inside, he ported: knew exactly who he was - a tough, amhitious, wisecracking guy. Asked to explain himself, he would say. "I was born in a tarpaper shack in Clio, Alabama — a sharecropper's son.

For 23 years, Sutton would sandpaper a ball while you glared at him or bear you when he had nothing. Nobody picked more brains, studied more techniques, had more slick variations on his multiple pitches or stood in the

"If you want to show up on time, work your butt off, don't Carlton — there's still a spot

"Now, Brett has matured and so Perez should have made the Hall this year, too. That's Sutton. He can't resist candor. The him? They don't get too many

"In years past, I thought 1 "There are no phone calls this was going to get in," Sutton Sutton, perhaps 20 years ago, I found out about his tendency toward hluomess. I asked him about Reggie Smith, his Dodger team-

mate. "Reggie is the leader of this tearn, not Steve Garvey." Suttoo said. The next day, Garvey walked up to Sutton in the Dodgers' locker room with my story and said, "Did you say this?"

Then they punched each other's lights out. There was more cluhhouse friction behind that fight than just Sutton's quotes. But his words certainly pulled the grenade pin.

That night, Sutton and Garvey appeared on

national television with black eyes and battered faces. At that time, Garvey might have been the most popular player in baseball. Howard Cosell asked Sutton, "Did you

really say these things about Steve Garvey? 1 was fresh from the high school beat. I had met Sutton for 10 minutes. My career passed in front of me. "Sutton will say I misquoted him." I thought. "It's the easy way out for everybody." I felt like a fool, a rube. I was out of my depth, I was dead.

Sutton looked into the camera. "I said it,"

After that, I watched Sutton pretty carefully. And one Sutton game can stand for them

Oo the last day of the regular season in 1982, the Orioles played the Milwaukee Brewers for the American League East title. It was only the third winner-take-all game on the

last day of the season in 113 years. The Orioles had beaten the Brewers four times in a row in the previous 48 hours. In short, Milwaukee was on the verge of the worst last-week collapse in history.

The Orioles sent Jim Palmer, on a 13-1 streak, to the mound. The Brewers sent Sution. The Brewers won, 10-2, then went on to play the Cardinals in the World Series.

They bought the gold goose and today he gave them the golden egg." the Orioles' John Lowenstein said of Sunon.

That tinge of hitterness often surrounded Sutton's career. He had a hit too much tang and tartness, too much edge for some --- but, definitely, not for others.

■ Missed by 9 Votes a Year Ago

Mark Maske of the Washington Post re-

Sutton, 52, missed being elected by nine votes last year and was elected by a fairly comfortable margin this time. He was named oo 386 of the 473 hallots, or 82 percent. To be elected, a player needs to be named on 75 percent of the hallots; this year, that was 355

Perez finished secood to Sutton in this year's balloting but fell 34 votes short of being elected. Ron Samo finished third, with 204 votes, in his final year on the ballot.

Perez received 321 votes in his seventh year oo the ballot. Santo was in his 15th and final year on the ballot. Jim Rice received 203 votes.

Gary Carter received 200. the most among the nine players oo the ballot for the first time.

Seven players — Jack Clark, Pedro Guerrero, Willie Randolph, Carney Lansford, Brian Downing, Mike Flanagan and Rick Dempsey - each failed to receive 5 percent of the votes, the minmum for candidates to be in-

cluded on future ballots. Pete Rose, who is ineligible for the Hall of Fame we because of his lifetime ban Don Sutton after being from the sport, received 12

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Philadelphia Eagles and failing to take care of husiness against the hap-

And it's a beautiful day to be a less Indianapolis Colts. Had they won either of those games, they would be From Reggic White and Brett Favre back at Lambeau Field for the NFC and the two remain close friends. to LeRoy Butler and Dorsey Levens; title game.

there by defeating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 21-7; on Sunday.

penalties and six dropped passes. He warned them that if they don't play better against the 49ers, they might be

"Our decision-making at times was suspect," Holmgren said. "But we won the football game against a good team. I think it's good for a team to see it can overcome things and still win. What allows me to do this week games - in San Francisco two years is talk about it. It allows me to coach this is my home now.

PEANUTS

AND STOP

YELLING!

GARFIELD

BEETLE BAILEY

THUNK!

THUNK!

ago and at Lambeau Field last season. off that game pretty well."

Both teams finished this season with 13-3 records, but the 49ers won Holmgren returning to his hometown home-field advantage with a better and playing against the team that gave him his start in the National Football League. Holmgren deserves credit for What the Packers remember is the development of the 49ers' quarmissing a short field goal against the terback Steve Young. There are similar emotions for the 49ers, whose coach, Steve Marincci, was Green Bay's quarterbacks coach when Favre arrived.

Nieuwendyk's goal came with Ed seven-game winless streak. All three scoring streak to five games and lif-

with the Carolina Hurticanes on Fri-

20 assists this season, only two Enrico Ciccone assisted oo added a goal and an assist in his

Sillinger's first goal and goalie Sean

scored twice and the Canucks over- Zhamnov's power-play goal late in lowed a meaningless third-period came two disallowed goals to snap a the second period extended his goal- goal, stopping 22 of 23 shots.

Blackhawks 1, Flames 1 Alex

Burke stopped 19 shots.

A year ago, Holmgren's voice Instead the road to a second straight cracked as he discussed what the said one of Marineci's responsibil- tacular as Nolan Ryan or as swagger of a championship team. Havswagger of a championship team. Having proven themselves in the biggest in San Francisco. The Packers got tions may have dulled a bit, but they me and Brett."

glamorous as Tom Seaver or me and Brett."

glamorous as Tom Seaver or me and Brett." clearly are still strong.

"There's something special about games, and honest to goodness, a lot went to school with. You get a special their coach.

"I love San Francisco," Holmgren said. "I love it for all the reasons you would love the place you grew up. But

The teams mirror each other in This week is almost a reunion, with many ways. Favre and Young are among the best ever at their position. and both can win games as much by running the ball as by throwing it. Both teams have first-rate receivers and defensive lines. And both teams are accustomed to success. Long before the Packers became the measuring stick late-inning fire with more moxie. for other NFL teams, there were the 49ers, who won five Super Bowls.

ne 4, Senators 1 In Car-

Kirk McLean, acquired with Geli-

nas last Friday from Vancouver, al-

debut for the Hurricanes.

The Packers remember Mariucci's miss starts and grind it out stint in Green Bay fondly. Holmgren even if you're not as spec-

At the time, Holmgren was the strong-willed young head coach try- there' in Cooperstown, he Bot they were far from their best working where you grew up," he ing to get the strong-willed young and Holmgren chided his players said. "I used to go up through the Monday for three turnovers, seven stands to the press box before the within-his system.

Then he said that Tony

of the policemen, a lot of the people have I," Holmgren said, smiling.

I'd see were people I either tanght or Holmgren telephoned Marineci about a month ago to congratulate him writers who finally elected feeling. Yoo grew up rooting for the on San Francisco's success and tell 49crs, and someday you'd like to be him how proud he was of him. This their coach ''. him how proud he was of him. This week, the feeling is more intense. thanks. Why should they? "In years past, I though

> week," Holmgren said. "Both teams said of the oversights that want this game desperately and it'll be some would consider snubs. one of those great games."

STOP NEVER

SAYING A WORD!

MINE SHOULD BE BACK IN

The first time I met Doo voted to the Hall of Fame. write-in votes.

CALVIN AND HOBBES



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POSTCARD

Kansas City Jazz

By Bruce Weber New York Times Service

K ANSAS CITY, Missouri - To Mayor Emanuel Cleaver, the new Kansas City Jazz Museum, which opened in a historically important but long abandoned oeighborhood in September, is a sym-

bol of optimism and hope. With a vivid, contemporary design and a collection er people in jazz have also ceotered oo four jazz giants Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and Charlie Parker — and a jazz clob included under its roof, it is the first major museum in the United States devoted to jazz, iotended to serve both as a monument to the music that. flourished here in the 1920s, the new museum here is a bad '30s and '40s and as a spur to thing. But it has aggravated redevelopment in the neigh- the persistent wound felt by borhood that ourtured it.

"What this property has successfully done," Cleaver tribution that has been too eassaid in an interview. "is transceod the obstacles of race, geography and ethnicity. It is

But to Eddie Baker, a local bandleader and a leading advocate for the recognition of shadow of what it could have until oow there has been oo been. At a mere 10,000 square real monument to the music

feet (930 square meters), and the musicians. Baker points out, it is too small. Besides, he says, its exhibits are too rudimentary, it Max Roach, the legendary excludes too many musicians, it is not interactive enough and it doesn't even have its own building, really. It shares the first of many homes for jazz. place with the Negro Baseball "It's oot supposed to have Hall of Fame.

cians who don't even owo a American as apple pie.' We record player," Baker said. should have shrines all over "It's evident jazz wasn't im- the country."

portant to this mayor or any-

body else. Baker, president of the Charlie Parker Memorial Foundation, which provides music and dance classes for underprivileged children, is not alone in his dissatisfaction. At a time when cities all over the country are building arts ceoters to rejuvenate blighted neighborhoods, othquestioned whether museums should be built primarily to encourage economic activity.

Shouldn't the emphasis be placed on honoring and preserving artistic achievement? No one, not even Baker, thinks many jazz musicians, who say

adequately acknowledged. Indeed, jazz, now about the kind of thing we need to 100 years old, is among the replicate." century America to world culture. Yet there are few substantial music collections beyond those at the Institute of vocate for the recognition of Jazz Studies at Rutgers Uni-jazz masters who calls the versity in Newark, New Jeroew museum an embarrass- sey, and the Marr Sound ment, it represents oothing but Archives at the University of a disappointment, not even a Missouri at Kansas City, and

> "We need all the help we can get, to say the least;" said drummer, who was a consultant for the new museum and argued that this should be the

ace with the Negro Baseball all of Fame.

"It's oot supposed to have one bome," he said, "Art Blakey used to say, Jazz is as

In Uzbekistan, a Startling Collection of Art

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

UKUS, Uzbekistan - The bleak desert that surrounds this town stretches for hundreds of kilometers in every direction, with only an occasional fly-infested truck stop to break the monotooy of sand dunes and forlorn

Nukus itself is unimpressive, a Soviet-style town with negligible charm or culture. And even for those who bother to penetrate this far into the desolate heart of Central Asia, it is easy to overlook a sbabby wooden huilding that bears a small sign proclaiming it to be an art museum.

The long, white two-story structure and an annex, their paint peeling, are set on adacent corners in an anonymous oeighborhood. At the

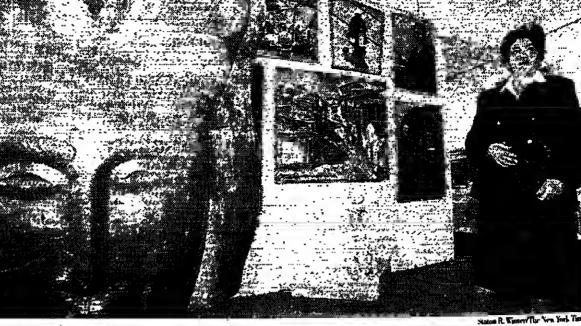
says nothing. These days, however, visitors to Uzbekistan are coming to this museum more frequently, even making special trips here from Tashkent, the capital, or from abroad. Six years after Uzbekistan emerged as an independent naooo, an astooishing tale has begun to spread from Nukus through the art

In this quintessendally remote spot sits an enormous collection of art from the Russian avant-garde, overflowing with works of which Western art lovers are almost completely ignorant.

But as more Westerners see the Nukus collection, or parts of it, like the large selection that will be shown in France beginning this week, their understanding of the burst of creativity in Russia at the beginning of the 20th century will surely be enriched.

The museum is hardly an ideal showcase, with lighting poor wheo it works at all and not a bench to sight. Almost every inch of wall space is covered with paintings, most of them crudely framed, ranging from sweeping landscapes to somber portraits, from abstract studies to haunting oudes.

"Apocalypse" by Alexei Rybnokov, an angular picture of a man on horseback carrying a long trumpet, combines bold mastery of color and composition with great delicacy of expression. Another jewel of the collection, "The Bull," by Yevgeni Lysenko, a picture of a bull painted almost entirely in blue, is both whimsical and powerful, its soft tones



entrance, an elderly gentle- Marinika Babanazarova, director of the Igor Savitsky art museum in Nukus, Uz man in a faded security guard's uniform sits in the sun and looks up at visitors but cootrasting with a bright pattern of rectangles that decorates Marinika Babanazarova, director of the Igor Savitsky art museum in Nukus, Uzbekistan.

one of the bull's exaggerated borns.

Among the more policial works is "Capital," by Mikhail Kurzin, which portrays a grotesque bourgeois couple against a hackground of tiny, darkly painted workers and is re-miniscent of works by Otto Dix or George Grosz. There are also good selections of work by Robert Rafailovich Falk and Liubov Popova, both of whom will be represented in the

Two artists in the collection; Solomoo Nikritin and Ivan Kudrasbov, whose work has been exhibited at museums like the Guggenheim in New York, are known to most art lovers

through only a few dozen pictures.

The Nukus museum has 560 of their works, a quantity that may lead to a full reassessment of their careers.
"It's a very important collection, a treasure," said Char-

lotte Douglas, chairman of the Russian studies department and professor of Russian art at New York University, who combed through Russian catalogues to learn what she could about the Nukus museum. "There are wonderful artists people have never heard of, including many women, and great works from artists we thought we understood but now realize we don't. It-shows that you don't really know half of what's out there."

Some specialists in Russian art are less enthusiastic. Zelfira Tregulova, a Moscow curator who has seen works from the collection at exhibitions in Moscow, said she suspected there were better collections to provincial Russian

cities. John Bowlt, a professor of Russian art at the University of Southern California, pointed out that the bestknown figures in 20th-century Russian art were represented poorly or not at all in Nukus.

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"As a story it's amazing, but visually I think it's very uneven," said Bowlt, who, like many of his colleagues. knows the collection from selective catalogues. "Many of the works are secondary because they come from later periods and doo't really reflect aspects of the avant-garde. If you're looking for major new works by Mai-evich, Kandinsky or Chagall, they're not there. It will certainly expand our knowledge by giving us new names and new images, but it may not be very startling or ex-

The Western public will have a chance to judge for itself starting on Thursday, when an exhibition of more

than 300 pieces from Nukus opens at the Ahbaye aux Dames, a medieval convent in Caen, France. The show runs through March 18. There are also hopes, though no firm plans, for an exhibition in the United States.

The art produced in Russia during the first quarter of this century had a profound influence on everything we now know as modern. A brilliant constellation of gifted artists emerged at a time when many Russians believed they were on the brink of a new epoch, one in which the human spirit would be truly liberated for the first time. Seeking to convey their excitement, they produced a body of work whose originality was so extraordinary that the Soviet system proved unable to tolerate it.

In one of the great tragedies of art history, the Russian avant-garde was crusbed in the early 1930s. Its exponents were silenced, imprisoned, exiled, driveo mad or murdered. Today in Nukus, however, they not only survive but tri-

The collection was assembled by Igor Savitsky, who was born in 1915 to an aristocratic family in Kiev and who died in 1984. Most Soviet museums were forbidden to display avant-garde art because the government considered it oot only hideous hur degenerate. The few private collectors of the period bought no more than a handful of works. Only Savitsky, whose base in the Uzbek region of Karakalpakstan was almost unimaginably far from the centers of Soviet power, was allowed to collect, and he did so with boundless

SPIN-OFFS

Tiresome Sequels: When Books Sell, Sell Them Again

By David Streitfeld Washington Post Service

Stories," although it probably wasn't the lesson the editor, William J. Bennett, the former edocatioo sec-

After plowing through "Virtues" and its equally massive follow-up,
"The Moral Compass: Stories for a Life's Journey." the teenager posted a etc.), oor did any of those 20 appear review on Amazon.com, the cyber- on the list for 1967 (Kazan, Styron, bookstore Web site, noting that Bennett Potok, etc.). The lists to the '90s, "repeated morals over and over again however, are dominated by the same in both of his books, but mainly in the second one. I know that there were different examples of the morals, but it still seemed kind of redundant."

All by bimself, this young man discovered the moral for publishing in the '90s: Whenever you have a hit, milk it for all it's worth.

Thus, the unexpectedly buge success of Bennett's first anthology spawned not only "The Moral Compass" but "The Book of Virtues for Young People," "The Children's Book of Virtues," "The Children's Book of Heroes." the three-volume adaptation "Adventures From the Bonk of Virtues" and, most recently, Our Sacred Honor: Words of Advice From the Founders in Stories, Letters, Poems and Speeches."

It's called flooding the market, and just about everyone is doing it. It's the rare commercial covelist today who doesn't publish once a year, and the pace seems to be quickening. Anne Rice, for example, used to take a couple of years between books, but by this point she can dash them off so quickly that the October appearance of her latest came simultaneously with the news that the oext will be released in March. Patricia Cornwell bad two novels last year. Tom Clancy has essentially franchised himself, hiring Steve Pieczenik to write his "Op-Center" novels. As for Stephen

that he had merely one new novel last year; in 1996 he had three.

WASHINGTON — One 13great deal by reading "The Book of Virtues: A Treasury of Great Moral

Can someone please disable these folks' compoters? When historians assign blame for the collapse of reading to America, successful writers' mad desire to capitalize will make up a significant part of it.

> ety to the best-seller lists. Nooe of the authors of the top 10 fictioo bestsellers of 1965 (Michener, Bellow, le Carré, etc.) reappeared on the list in names over and over again: King, Clancy, Grisbam, Danielle Steel.

In the past, the writers took themselves seriously enough to resist the temptation to cash in, even if the seduction must have been sweet. The greatest hit of the early '70s was
"Jonathan Livingston Seagull," a postAnne Rice: Two in six months. card-size book of text and photos that perfectly caught the mood of the Me Generation: Break away from the pack, follow your own destiny, realize there's more to life than the workaday hustle.

It sold 2.5 million copies in hardcover, which means the author, Richard Bnch, got asked a lot about a sequel, "I answered them that I didn't have to write anything next, not a word, and that all my books together" - "Seagul!" was his fourth - "said everything I had asked them to say, he wrote. "Having starved for a and "Christmas E while, the car repossessed and that the last two years. sort of thing, it was fun not to have to work to midnight."

Sounds perfectly reasonable, and in keeping with the "Seagull" philo-sophy. A collection of Bach articles Messiah, "didn't come out until 1977.
His modern-day counterpoint is Richard Paul Evans, who self-published in 1993 a lavishly sentiment.

Outmoor again. That makes the publisher, agent and author very happy, because getting the books into the stores is nine-tenths of selling them.

All the parties involved in this arms. tale called "The Christmas Box" that

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In earlier eras, there was more vari-

ared four years after "Seaguil," King, it was considered newsworthy caught the mood of its moment: Par- tioned by movie sequels and tele-



ents are oeglecting their kids when they work too hard. The rights were bought by Simon and Schuster for millions. Over the last couple of Christmases, both it and Evans have made a hundle.

Now, you might think Evans would want oothing more than to kick back and spend some serious time with his family. Instead, he's responded by cranking out "The Letter," "Time-piece," "The First Gift of Christmas" and "Christmas Every Day," all in

Sequels and spin-offs happen because a publisher can tell the chains, "It's the follow-up to the No. 1 bit." The buyer for the chain checks the computer, sees that many copies of the original were sold, and orders the same oumber again. That makes the pub-

what he or she wants. And, condi-

vision sitcoms, readers are often thrilled to get the same thing again.
For a while. Then, like the large con

that it is, the scheme collapses. One of the two books Patricia Cornwell came out with last year was "Hornet's Nest;" a police procedural. It sold O.K., but if the commentary on the Amazon.com site is any todication, it sible score, I.

"This story is lame ... !!! I felt like Comwell was under cootract with Putnam to crank something out. This stinker is going to hurt ber. It's junk," wrote one tocensed reader.

Annther wrote, somewhat awk-wardly but in a beartfelt manner: Shame oo the author and the publisber for using this cheap coo practice on a luyal reading public for profit purposes." And these aren't even the folks who got really vicious.

Several readers were moved to speculate about the origins of the book. They came up with a bunch of possibilities, including that it was ghostwritten, that Comwell wrote it in high school, that it's some sort of Joycean experimental novel gone haywire and that she's possessed by aliens.

The mundane truth might simply be that she had no time to write. A good novel is hard work, and takes ennrmous effort. Sometimes it's necessary to stop, throw pages out, regroup, start again. But if the publisher has advanced the writer a ton of money that it wants to start earning back as sooo as possible, there's little chance of that. There are other villains at work here. Computers have undoubtedly made it easier and faster to write; there's no

Occasionally, writers learn a lesson from a disaster. The virulence with which "Hornet's Nest" was received may have affected Cornwell; while it was announced as the beginning of a new series, there has been no anoounced follow-up.

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evidence it makes the writing better.

PEOPLE

THE veteran singer-songwriter Bob Dylan, who made a strong comeback last year with his "Time Out of Mind" alhum, and his son, the Wallflowers' lead singer, Jakob Dylan, were each nominated for three Grammy Awards on Tuesday. For the second straight year, Kenoeth (Babyface) Edmonds earned the most nominations, eight. The rap impresario Puff Daddy and the singer Paula Cole, whose "Where Have All the Cowboys Gone" was nominated for song and record of the year, had seven nominations apiece. Bob Paramount film, directed by James Camer-Dylan was nominated for best album, best on, five times within five years, Daily Variety also produced a lot of disgruntlement.

Comments are listed from 110 readers. On a scale of 1 to 10, they gave "Hornet's Nest" an average of 4.

Thirty-eight gave it the lowest posflowers, were nominated for best rock song. "One Headlight" was also cominated for best rock performance by a duo or group.

Frank Sinatra will be bonored with a accompanied to the coocert by bis wife, special American Music Award. The Award Queen Sofia, and their three children.

of Merit, announced Monday, recognizes outstanding cootributions to the musical entertainment of the American public." Among past recipients are Elvis Presley, Ella Fitzgerald and Michael Jacksoo.

screens to the year 2000 under a reported \$30 million deal negociated by NBC. NBC is

The movie "Titanic" will hit television

Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras, the "Three Tenors," celebrated the 60th birthday of King Juan Carlos with a coocert in Madrid. The kiog was

'Stalking' Clinton? A Flap Over Invasion of Privacy

By Howard Kurtz Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — To some editors, it was an irresistibly candid sbot of the first couple dancing on a Virgin Islands beach. To President Bill Clinton it was an invasion of privacy. And to a White House aide, it was

nothing less than "stalking." The Agence France-Prephoto of the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton in bathing suits oo the beach ran in color oo the froot page of the Los Angeles Times. The Washington Post carried a black-and-white photo on an

inside page.

Asked whether he felt his privacy had been invaded, Clintoo said, "Yes." But he said it was up to the press to decide where to "draw the line" oo such matters, add-'That's why we have a First Amendment

The dispute has resonance accident in Paris.

lot," Clintoo said of the pic-ture. "But I didn't think I was being photographed." because of the paparazzi who chased Diana, Princess of Wales, before her fatal car Wales, before her fatal car



"Actually, I liked it quite a The Clintons dancing on a Virgin Islands beach.

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